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650 RWDSU Delegates Rally in Capital for \$1.25 Wage Bill



STEPS OF CAPITOL served as impromptu meeting place for 650 RWDSU delegates following afternoon of visiting Congressmen to push for \$1.25 minimum wage and extended coverage. RWDSUers completely filled area shown above before brief meeting began. In inset, New York-New Jersey delegates are hot on trail of their Congressmen. (For more pictures and stories, see Pages 2 thru 6.)

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Senate Body Hears RWDSU Leader



Pres. Max Greenberg, accompanied by Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps, addresses Senate Labor Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Pres. Max Greenberg of the Retail, Wholesale and Dept. Store Union appeared before a sub-committee of the Senate Labor Committee Tuesday morning, April 19, to make a strong appeal for extension of coverage and a raise in the federal minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour. Senators Paul Douglas, Pat Mac-Namara, Herbert Lehman and William A. Purtell heard the presentation by the RWDSU leader, which took place immediately before 650 union members visited their Congressmen on behalf of the minimum wage law improvements.

In addition to presenting a comprehensive brief giving statistical reinforcement to the union's argument for a higher minimum and broadened coverage, Pres. Greenberg, who was accompanied by Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps and 'Record' Editor Max Steinbock, made the following statement to the Senators:

The Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union represents more than 150,000 organized workers in the United States and Canada, with more than 138,000 in 35 states. Our members work in large department stores, chain stores, small retail establishments, dairies, cereal plants, warehouses and light manufacturing plants.

My union supports the bill introduced by Senator Lehman—S.662—and I would like to urge most strongly that your committee recommend its adoption by the Senate. We support the Lehman Bill not only because it would raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour, but because it would bring many of our members and other workers in our jurisdiction under the protection of the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Lehman Bill would correct the inequities enacted in 1949 when coverage under the law was narrowed. At that time, millions of workers were eliminated from coverage, either because of limitations on the extent of the law's coverage or through specific exemptions granted to certain industries.

I am aware that the main emphasis of many labor leaders and others interested in improving the Fair Labor Standards Act is being placed upon increasing the minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour from the meaningless present level of 75c. My union also supports this demand, but with so many of our members and so many workers in our industries not covered or exempt from the provisions of the law, we are especially concerned with this problem of coverage.

It seems to me that unless Congress broadens the base of covered workers and extends the protection of the law to at least some of the 20 million workers not now covered—unless these things are done, the spirit of the Fair Labor Standards Act itself will be, in some measure, destroyed.

This Congress has an opportunity—in fact, a duty—to correct the injustices and inequities contained in the 1949 amendments. I do not profess to be an expert on government or on legislation. In fact, this is the first time I have ever appeared before a Congressional Committee. But from my own limited study of legislation, I am aware that there has been a consistent pattern in Congress of tying in increases in various benefits with the broadening of coverage. For example, this pattern has been followed in the case of old age and survivor's insurance under the Social Security program, where the increase in coverage has kept pace with the increase in benefits. This pattern has even held true in the application of the income tax where the broadest possible base is used.

Let me cite just one example of the need for increased coverage, one with which I am personally familiar: More than a year ago our union organized in

Newport News, Virginia, a company which packs frozen seafood. We won a National Labor Relations Board election by a vote of 56 to 4. There followed nearly a year of negotiations during which we made it absolutely clear to the employer that we were prepared to accept a very minimum increase.

The workers in this plant, under the present Fair Labor Standards Act, are exempt from its provisions. They make 55 to 65c an hour. They work in cold and wet surroundings and while their tasks are not particularly skilled, they are, nevertheless, difficult. On March 16th these workers went out on strike. Today, five weeks later, they are still out on strike. Believe me gentlemen, these strikers in Newport News, Virginia would gladly go back to work and our union would consider it a victory if we could achieve a settlement with this company at 75c an hour, say nothing of 90c an hour or \$1.25 an hour.

I am not appealing to you to improve the law just so that we may settle this strike. But, can't it honestly be said that wages of \$20 to \$24 a week are truly "conditions detrimental to the maintenance of the minimum standard of living"?

Let me discuss another situation affecting our membership: Secretary of Labor Mitchell in his appearance before this committee last Thursday proposed "extension of coverage" on an entirely new basis. I understand that he favors coverage for workers employed by retail and service establishments which operate on a multi-state basis—that is with units in two or more states. His estimate is that some 2 million retail workers not now covered would thus come under the protection of the law. However, they would be entitled only to the minimum wage and not to the overtime provision of the law. I believe that Secretary Mitchell's proposal is unworkable and almost meaningless in terms of bringing large groups of employees under the protection of the law. I do not know his sources for his estimate of 2 million additional covered employees. The latest and best information we have been able to get from Secretary Mitchell's own department, does not substantiate such a figure. Furthermore, this proposal opens the way to widespread evasion by even those relatively few companies which would theoretically be covered.

Did Secretary Mitchell's proposal extend coverage to the gigantic department store chains whose units operate independently but which are linked by common ownership? What is the basis for exempting these employees from the overtime provision? Is not a provision applying the law on the basis of volume as well as number of units a much fairer and more equitable way of extending coverage? These are only a few of the questions that I hope you gentlemen will consider.

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RWDSU HITS CAPITAL IN GREATEST LABOR LOBBY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The first union mobilization held in support of a \$1.25 Federal minimum wage and extended coverage brought 650 delegates of the Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Union from 24 states to the Capital on April 19. After a luncheon meeting addressed by AFL Pres. George Meany and other notables, they buttonholed their Senators and Representatives—and scored an outstanding success, as the tally on Page 4 shows. Not only did the RWDSU Mobilization score a first—it was also the biggest and best lobbying turnout ever organized by a single union, in the view of many observers.

DELEGATES CAME by train, plane, bus and automobile. They came from more than a thousand miles away—from Florida, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan and Illinois—as well as from closer states. A special chartered five-car train brought the enormous New York-New Jersey delegation.

IT WAS A DAY of solid accomplishment, a day that demonstrated the vigor and unity of the re-born RWDSU, its ability to mobilize and act on an important issue, and its standing as an effective trade union. These were shown not only in the respect shown by most of the Congressmen the delegates visited, but by the press coverage given to the Mobilization. Washington newspapers gave it prominent display, as did newspapers in many other parts of the country. Television cameramen covered the meeting on the Capitol steps, shown on Page 1, which wound up the day's activities. CIO News, Labor's Daily and trade publications gave it extensive coverage.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT—April 19 was a big day for the RWDSU. And if Congressmen live up to their promises, (a flood of letters and postcards will help), it may turn out to be a historic date for the millions of workers who will gain by an increase in the minimum wage and extension of coverage.



Box Score on Congress: *Delegates Report Odds Favor Wage Law Hike*

THE BIG QUESTION that concerned officers of the RWDSU and national CIO right after 650 union delegates descended on their Congressmen was: how well did we do? The general consensus was favorable, with strong indications that Congress will go higher than the Administration's 90c proposal. On extension of coverage, many Congressmen showed interest, but most lacked facts—and pressure from their constituents. In fact, all delegates agreed that pressure—in the form of letters and telegrams—must be continued and increased so that labor can win its fight for \$1.25 and broadened coverage. The job is not over yet! So far, *The Record* has received reports (with more still coming in) from delegates who visited a total of 95 Congressmen representing 18 separate states. Here is a digest of their reports, state by state:

Alabama

Sen. Lister Hill, who heads Senate Labor Committee, told RWDSU delegates he favors some increase, but wouldn't indicate a specific amount. He's waiting for recommendations from sub-committee headed by Sen. Paul Douglas, which is conducting hearings on bill.

Connecticut

Sen. Prescott Bush favors \$1 or more and extension of coverage "to halt the trend of companies to run away to low-wage areas." Rep. Morano supports \$1.25 and extension of coverage. Rep. Sadlak favors \$1 minimum.

Florida

Sen. Holland is opposed to \$1.25 and coverage extension, thinks it "would ruin the economy." Reps. Bennett, Haley and Rogers had no opinions of their own on proposals, said they would follow committee recommendations. Looks like Florida could use some more PAC work.

Illinois

Delegation concentrated on Republicans, since most of the Democrats have already expressed themselves in favor of \$1.25 minimum and extended coverage. Here is the response they got: Sen. Dirksen: will probably vote for 90c minimum, or more if testimony shows increase is "warranted." Favors retail coverage. Rep. Sheehan: for minimum of \$1 or more; favors retail and food processing coverage. Rep. McVey: not sure how high minimum should be, but wants more than 90c, also extended coverage.

Kansas

This state's two GOP Senators, Schoeppel and Carlson, were visited. Both favor a minimum wage higher than the 90c proposed by Eisenhower, also think coverage should be extended. Rep. Hope was reported not to have made up his mind as yet on this issue.

Louisiana

Rep. Passman, the only Louisianian visited, favors \$1, coverage for retail and food workers.

Massachusetts

Of this state's two Senators and 14 Representatives, the RWDSU delegates visited 11, are to get written responses from three others. Here's how the answers shape up: Sen. Kennedy and Reps. Boland, Philbin, Donohue, Lane, MacDonald, O'Neill and McCormack all back the \$1.25 minimum and extended coverage. Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers favors 90c or whatever the Administration approves. Rep. Bates is non-committal. Sen. Saltonstall and Reps. Nicholson and Curtis will express their views by letter.

Michigan

Sen. McNamara, elected last year with labor support, favors \$1.25 and extended coverage, as do Reps. Griffiths and Dingell. Sen. Potter, R., favors \$1 with an escalator clause that will gradually boost it to \$1.25, also favors more coverage. Rep. Clare Hoffman, arch-reactionary, is against both higher minimum and extended coverage; he's also against unions, incidentally.

New Hampshire

Both of the representatives from this state were visited. Both are Republicans. Rep. Merrow favors \$1.25 and extension of coverage. Rep. Bass is for a \$1 minimum, and will study coverage question.

New Jersey

Democratic Reps. Williams, Thompson, Rodino and Addonizio back \$1.25 and extended coverage. Rep. Widnall, R., is for \$1, doubtful on coverage. Sen. Case, R., and Rep. Wolverton, R., are both studying issues, are non-committal.

New York

More than 300 delegates from this state split up into 11 delegations to see the state's two Senators, 20 of 43 Representatives. Here's what they found: In favor of \$1.25 and extended coverage: Sens. Ives and Lehman, Reps. Anuso, Buckley, Delaney, Rooney, Holtzman, Klein, Multer, and Radvan. In favor of \$1: Kearney and St. George. Non-committal: Bosch, Fino, Keating, Kilburn, Latham, Pillion and Wainright (all Republicans, incidentally). Others included W. Sterling Cole, who's for 90c, but is dubious about extending coverage, and Ralph Gwinn, who's against government regulation of wages, but "might go along with Pres. Eisenhower's proposals, since he's the head of the party." Rep. Riehlman has an "open mind," is waiting for committee report.

Ohio

Sen. Bricker won't make up his mind till bill is out of committee; Sen. Bender is in favor of a minimum "as high as can pass," also favors extended coverage. Rep. Polk is for \$1.25 and extended coverage.

Pennsylvania

Rep. Van Zandt refused to see delegation, said he was "too busy." Rep. Corbett favors higher minimum, but wouldn't commit himself on an amount, or on extension. Rep. Walter will back any bill the Democrats are able to get on floor, while Reps. Chudoff and Quigley, both GOP, favor \$1.25.

Rhode Island

RWDSUers from this state held a private meeting with all four of their Congressmen and found them solid for \$1.25 and extended coverage. All four—Sens. Green and Pastore, and Reps. Fogarty and Forand—are Democrats, will back labor proposals right down the line.

South Carolina

Sen. Thurmond favors \$1.25. Rep. Rivers was non-committal on minimum wage, though he favors extending coverage to retail employees. Rep. Riley, a DixieGOP if there ever was one, is against any increase in the minimum, would leave it at 75c. He's also against extension of coverage, and expressed his anti-Negro bias by saying "Negroes obviously get what they deserve. As for white workers, they should leave their jobs and go elsewhere if they don't like them."

Tennessee

Both Sens. Gore and Kefauver will vote for \$1 minimum, though Kefauver favors \$1.25 and will vote for it if it has a chance of being passed. He also backs extension of coverage, on which Gore had no comment.

Virginia

This state, listed by the World Almanac as "famous for its colonial culture and statesmen," has apparently deteriorated a lot since the days of Washington, Jefferson, Monroe and Madison. Now it's represented by several rude reactionaries like Rep. Howard Smith, who is against fixing anyone's wages (except Congressmen's) and whose secretary threw notes taken during talk with RWDSUers into wastebasket; and Rep. Edward Robeson, who first refused to see delegation, then saw one delegate, called the mobilization a "waste of time" and said that if people didn't like their (low-paid) jobs they should quit. Others who gave delegates more courteous reception were Reps. Abbutt, who was interested in \$1.25 proposal; Jennings and Harrison, who favor an increase, though not specific on amount; and Joel Broyhill, who will do all in his power to force the issue of extension of coverage.

West Virginia

Here's another state with a solidly Democratic Congressional delegation, unanimously in favor of RWDSUers' proposals for \$1.25 minimum and extended coverage. Delegates got pledges from Sens. Neely and Kilgore, and Reps. Mollohan, Bailey, Kee, Burnside and Staggers.



RWDSU leaders chat with guest speakers at luncheon meeting in Washington April 19. Seated, l. to r., Sec-Treas. Martin C. Kyne, CIO Legislative Dir. Robert Oliver, AFL Pres. George Meany and Pres. Max Greenberg. Standing: Local 1-S Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, Exec. Vice-Pres. Alex Bail, Exec. Sec. Jack Paley, Congressman Emanuel Celler and Organization Dir. Alvin E. Heaps.



SMOOTH-VOICED orator from Illinois, Republican Everett Dirksen, had to do some listening as Chicago RWDSUers led by Int'l Vice-Pres. Henry Anderson, 2nd from right, put case for \$1.25 minimum wage, extension of coverage. The Senator said he'd "probably" vote for Administration's 90-cent recommendation, more "if testimony warrants."



OHIO DELEGATION, led by State Dir. Hughes, listened politely but with growing wrath as GOP Sen. Bender tried to dodge issues behind rambling monologue. Local 379 Pres. Pete Frohnauer finally interrupted to say dryly, "Thanks for the biography, but how do you stand on a higher minimum wage?" Bender said he'd vote for whatever would pass.

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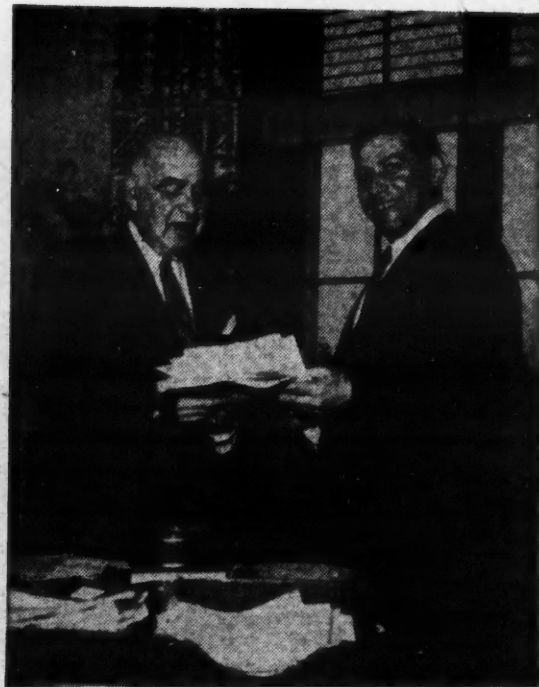
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REP. DELANEY of New York assured delegates he would support \$1.25 and extension of wage law to permanent workers in all industries. He's on Rules Committee, said he would work to see that favorable bill is brought out. District 65 Hiring Hall Dir. Joe Tillem stands at Delaney's left.



SENATOR LEHMAN of New York is impressed as Local 1-S Pres. Sam Kovenetsky presents 5,000 Macy's Dept. Store employees' signatures on petitions for \$1.25 minimum wage. Lehman is author of bill calling for \$1.25, extended coverage.



Sidelights On Rally

Our Nation's Capital won't quickly forget the great Minimum Wage Mobilization of the RWDSU in Washington April 19. . . The massive New York delegation, over 300 strong, pouring out of five special Penn R.R. cars and into hordes of taxicabs for the trip to the Washington Hotel. . . The first-hand report on the significance of labor unity delivered to the 650 RWDSU delegates by George Meany, the man who will head-up the great new merged labor federation. . . The 30 or more delegations criss-crossing around the House and Senate buildings, very much in evidence everywhere as they sought out their Congressmen. . . The overpowering picture of strength and unity at the Capitol steps as the entire group assembled to hear Pres. Greenberg sum up the day's good work, before the delegates headed for home.

Not that all the delegates got to Washington sound of limb. Carl Sanzone of the Chicago Joint Board had airplane trouble—in spades—and wound up with a broken ankle. His plane hit a storm over Washington, had to turn back to Pittsburgh. Turbulence in the air threw Carl from his seat, broke his ankle. . . The Suffolk, Va. group suffered a bus breakdown, arrived after the luncheon-meeting ended. They were fed, and then tired but still full of fight, set out after those hard-bitten Va. Congressmen. . . The Alabama and Georgia delegations had a good reason for not showing up at all in Washington: the strike tying up the Louisville and Nashville R.R.

The 40-member Virginia delegation had a rough time with their "own" Representative, Edward Robeson Jr., who opposes ANY minimum wage. "If people don't like what they're making, they should quit their jobs," he said. . . This from a Congressman who just voted himself a \$10,000 annual raise. . . And Rep. Howard W. Smith of the same state told the delegates he opposes both "minimums and maximums on wages". . . Int'l. Rep. Henry Hamilton, a leader of the Virginia members, answered with: "Congressman, don't you think this building should have a foundation?"

Another quip of note came from District 65er Jerry Katz, at a meeting with Rep. Sterling Cole of New York, who heads the joint congressional committee on atomic energy. Rep. Cole said he has statistics which show that a person can get along on 64 cents an hour, so Jerry replied: "Congressman Cole, if you would only generate some energy for a higher minimum wage, the whole country would be better off". . . Rep. Cole later said he would "go as high as a dollar" on the minimum wage, so the delegation did not waste its time. . . Rep. Henry Latham of New York opened his meeting with a delegation by declaring, "Now I want to hear both sides of this minimum wage story. So Bill Taylor of the '65' Direct Mail Local pointed to the ribbon on his lapel, and said, "Congressman, this is the only side you can hear from us. . ."

A delegation from Local 1-S (R.H. Macy in New York) had an interesting time with Rep. Ralph W. Gwinn of New York, who asked whether "little girls working in little five and dime stores" should earn as much as R. H. Macy people, for instance. There were about 30 in the delegation, but their voices shouted as one: "YES!" It was pointed out to Rep. Gwinn, gently, that those "little girls" have to eat, too, and that those "little five and dime stores," like Woolworths, Grant's, etc. make big money.

Vice-Pres. John Horan found a personal friend on his list of Representatives to be visited—Congresswoman Katherine St. George, Republican, who reacted favorably to suggestions from RWDSU group. . . Largest delegations came from District 65, with nearly 200 delegates, Local 1-S, close to 100, and Local 338, about 40, which happen to be the three largest affiliates of the RWDSU, all in New York.

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END OF A BIG DAY for RWDSU delegates at April 19 Washington mobilization came after meeting on Capitol steps. Television cameramen, press photogs covered gathering, which completely filled vast entrance area in front of building.



OHIO MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA at RWDSU luncheon meeting in Hotel Washington, as Ohio State Dir. Gerry Hughes' son, I., and his fellow Ohioan talk to Local 15 Co-Chairman Elizabeth Porter, Fin. Sec. Marie Hodges, and Stewards Dorothy Steward and Beatrice Mitchell, all of Charleston, S.C.



DEPARTMENT STORE EMPLOYEES from New York sent big contingent to capital to press for higher minimum wage and coverage. Shown is one such group of District 65 members with '65' Organization Dir. Bill Michelson, 2nd from right, studying list of Congressmen to be visited by his delegation.

Local 50 Sweeps Eagle Cone Co. Vote, 19-3

NEW YORK CITY — An overwhelming victory in a National Labor Relations Board election April 20 was scored by Candy & Confectionery Employees Local 50, it was reported by Pres. Frank Scida. The 30 employees of Eagle Cone Co. chose the RWDSU local by a vote of 19 for the union to three against, with seven votes challenged.

The election climaxed a month-long organizing campaign at the ice-cream cone plant, which is part of a nationwide chain. The firm's Chicago plant is under contract with the Chicago Joint Board of the RWDSU.

A few days after the election, the company fired three union members, ostensibly because of changes in operations, but actually as a result of the pro-union vote, Scida said. The union is taking steps to have the three reinstated, and is also contacting RWDSU affiliates in other states to urge organization of the company's unorganized plants.

The organizing drive at Eagle was led by Local 50 Bus. Agents Valentine Zorros and Neil Longarzo, and a plant committee that included Fred Vassallo and Ernest Randell. The union is awaiting NLRB certification, but Scida reported that demands for a union contract are already being formulated.

Drug Local Strikes Won At Hartley, Columbian

NEW YORK CITY.—A two year "crusade" against Retail Drug Local 1199 by Edward Klein, employer at Hartley Chemists and the Columbian Shoppe, fell flat on its face following successful strikes at both stores. The 15 members struck on April 1 when this employer refused to sign an agreement. Previously, Klein had sought to bring a so-called Metal and Zipper Union, Local 405 (AFL) into the picture as part of a long range plan to get rid of '1199'.

The strikes at both stores were completely effective and contracts were won providing the same terms as in the recent union pact with associations of independent drug stores. Klein had engaged in a running battle with his employees and their union for the past two years. One of the major issues involved the union's insistence that Negro workers be given equal job opportunities in his stores.

New York & Northeast



FIRST RETIRED MEMBER of Local 305, Abe Levitt, 5th from l., is presented with gold watch from Westchester National Shoe workers. At National 13 years, he is first member to retire under local's pension plan and will receive \$50 per month for life. Also presented to him at affair in his honor was gold lifetime membership union book. L. to r., Michael Bernstein, pension plan trustee; Org. James Vetrano; Mac Jacobs of Nat'l Shoes Personnel Dept.; Int'l Exec. Vice Pres. Alex Bail; Local 305 Pres. Harry Rosenzweig, Levitt; Mayor Joseph Vaccarella of Mt. Vernon; Bus. Agent George Surtes; Org. Al Milstein and Att'y Charles Katz.

7 New Retail Shops Organized By Local 305 in Westchester

MT. VERNON, N.Y.—The RWDSU is becoming more and more familiar to the people who live and work in Westchester County, as Local 305 continues to organize the retail industry in many parts of the county. Local 305 Pres. Harry Rosenzweig has announced the organization of seven new shops in recent weeks, each of them already signed to a '305' contract.

It was pointed out that in almost every case the stores are newly opened in this booming suburban area, and are expected to expand to employ many times their present number of workers.

Outstanding among the new contracts won was that at the M&M Shoe store in Larchmont, where the salesmen won a wage minimum of \$75 a week plus commissions ranging from one percent to three percent.

The store manager now receives \$100 a week plus annual bonus, while the assistant manager gets \$85 plus the same commission arrangement. Minimum wage for cashiers is \$47. In addition the workers won eight paid holidays, two-week paid vacations, six days paid, sick leave and the Local 305 Welfare and Pension Plans, fully paid by the employer.

Among the other new shops are Robert Hall Clothes, bringing to six the number of Robert Hall stores organized in '305' in N. Y. State; Lubin's Youth Center in the huge Cross Count shopping center in Yonkers, Shoe King Sam in Hartdale, Parfus Shoe in Yonkers and two lunch-ettes.

Heading up the Local 305 organizing campaign, in addition to Rosenzweig and Surtes, are Organizers James Vetrano and Al Milstein.

Meanwhile, the local renewed its contract with the Bond Clothing stores in Albany and Schenectady, N.Y., in negotiations conducted by store Chairmen William Adams of Albany and Timothy (Butch) Holland, with Surtes. The workers won a five-day, 40-hour week beginning Sept. 1, with non-selling employees also receiving a \$2 weekly wage boost retroactive to March 1. One worker, Daniel House, received back pay of \$2.50 per week to September, 1954.

4-Week Strike Wins Pension at Furniture Store

NEW YORK CITY—The employees of Finkenberg's Inc., members of Retail Furniture Workers Local 853, have fought for and won the Local 853 Pension Plan with a spirited four-week strike in face of bitter employer resistance, Business Manager Jerome Shaff reported.

The workers walked out when the employer refused to contribute to the Pension Fund, now being established throughout the local.

The determination of the 13 workers to win the Plan, demonstrated by the strike, convinced the employer to agree to its inclusion in the new contract.

Shaff observed that the victory at Finkenberg's was significant to every shop in the local. He said that since the strike several other firms have settled with '853' on contracts including the Pension Plan. Among them are Pennington's Inc., Jay Furniture and Bespechney Furniture Co.

12-Week Lockout Fight Won at Arlite in N. J.

NEWARK, N. J.—The 50 employees of Arlite Co., distributors of storm windows, have won their 12-week strike to become members of Local 301 RWDSU. They went back to work last month and promptly secured their first RWDSU contract, with wage increases and other conditions which bring them in line with the organized industry.

Int'l. Vice-Pres. Dominic Tripode pointed out that the successful struggle of the Arlite workers, locked out by the employer when he learned they had joined the union, has clearly shown employers who might want to follow in the footsteps of Arlite "that they cannot lightly undertake their union-busting activities in the face of united resistance of the labor movement here."

The campaign was led by Tripode, with Int'l Reps. Frank DiNicola and Daniel Klein. Leaders among the Arlite employees were Lawrence Steward, Marvin Waters, George Majett and Curney Dingle.

what's new in our industry

Lerner Shops opening Columbus, Ohio store featuring women's and children's apparel. Site is presently occupied by W. T. Grant. . . New Haven, Conn. stores will end policy of closing Mondays. A staggered work week will supplant previous system in which workers took off Sundays and Mondays. . . There's a new pill on the market called "Lucky Pop" which you drop into a glass of water to get a glass of soda pop. It comes in six flavors and will be sold in grocery stores in paper packets of three pills for 10 cents. . . Coty is suing Revlon charging false representation, copyright infringement and misappropriation of advertising material in connection with the sale of Revlon's "Coty 24" lipstick. . . Coro Jewelry reported net income for 1954 of \$1,036,607 or \$2.28 a share, a gain of 32% over '53. . . Foremost Dairies grew in 1954 by acquiring 10 other companies in the U. S. and 2 in Hawaii. Earnings went up to \$6,101,920. The three most important companies taken over are Philadelphia Dairy Products, American Dairies and Blue Moon Foods. Leading American doll manufacturers formed new trade organization known as Affiliated Doll Manufacturers Inc. . . Food Fair Stores plans \$50 million expansion program with construction of

100 food department stores over 28 months bringing total of stores to well over 300. . . Self service apparel stores are appearing in Germany. First one is in Frankfurt where customers shop from a guide book. . . J. C. Penney store in Enid, Oklahoma was destroyed by fire. Penney expansion has been toward the suburbs. New units scheduled total 30, of which 21 will be suburban and will add to the present total of 1,644 stores in chain. . . Toy-makers heralding success of new cooking sets for kids that carry brand name of real foods such as Campbell's Soup, Nestle's, Heinz, Aunt Jemima (Quaker Oats), Pillsbury (General Mills). The companies whose brand names are used consider this a great advertising medium which will get future customers while they're young. . . Diana Stores Corp. opening three more stores, adding to present total of 173. For six months ending Jan. 31 net profits were \$603,102. . . Stock holders of both companies will be presented with a plan to merge Albers Supermarkets, with Colonial Stores. . . McCrory Stores plan 20 new self-service units for 1955. . . A. S. Beck Shoe reports net income for 1954 of \$926,158. At the close of 1954 the company operated three retail chains with 182

shoe stores, seven leased women's shoes departments, four shoe factories, a handbag factory, a wood heel and sole cutting plant, and two purchasing companies. The A. S. Beck chain operated 144 stores, the Adler chain, 21, and C. H. Baker, 17.

DEPARTMENT STORE NOTES: Federated Department Stores filed suit in the Federal Court in Wilmington Delaware against the U. S. Government asking judgement of \$4,400 and costs. The charge is illegal assessment. Federated chain includes Bloomingdale's and A & S. . . Rumors are flying that Bonwit Teller of N. Y. will buy a three story building in Greenwich, Conn. formerly operated by Oppenheim Collins. The Oppenheim branch closed last December after a year of operation. Before that store was operated as a Franklin Simon branch since the early 30's. The building is owned by City Specialties Stores. . . S. Klein will open new branch in Hempstead, L. I. on June 1st. Since Shoes and Woolworth's will open on same date. . . Best & Co. sales for the year thus far are running about 5% ahead of last year. President of the store stressed importance of branch stores at recent meeting. Pointed to 16 units Best's has outside of New York. . .

Hecht's denies rumors of 14th Street closing. . . Allied Stores, which includes Sterns, has serious problems these days at their new Pomeroy Store in Levittown, Pa., scheduled to open May 3. There's a sparrow loose in the store, which has been flying around for several weeks getting caught in display windows. The store's managing director estimated damage caused by the bird to be \$500 thus far and claims bills are soaring since the unwelcome visitor first started pecking at the stock. . . Hecht's of Washington's 2nd suburban unit is set for Baltimore. . . National Dept. Stores disclosed recently that its largest single stockholder is the South American Gold & Platinum Co. . . U.S. department store sales rose 8% over 1954 level pre-Easter week. Federated Department Stores, which include Bloomingdale's and A. & S. of New York announced record breaking figures for the fiscal year ending Jan. 29, 1954. Net income for the chain was 40 per cent above the previous year and totaled \$19,001,636. Common share earnings were \$5.25. . . Allied Stores (Sterns) paid \$5.50 a share and reported net earnings were \$13,-230,847 against last year's \$11,809,468. —Compiled by EILEEN FANTINO

300 in Eight Shops Organized In RWDSU Indiana Drive

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—More than 300 unorganized workers in eight shops have responded to an organizing campaign led by Int'l Rep. Joseph Romer in several sections of Indiana. In some cases the firms are fairly new and expect to expand and hire additional people, promising even greater growth for RWDSU in the Hoosier state.

In Fort Wayne, 100 employees of the Perfection Bakery are signed up in RWDSU, and while details of a contract have yet to be worked out, have already enthusiastically adopted RWDSU Local 835 as their own. They are being joined by fifty employees of the Holsum Baking Co. who have also signed up in Local 835.

Meanwhile, in Indianapolis, the 72 employees of Tom-A-Toe tomato distributors voted overwhelmingly for RWDSU April 21, and now await certification before they go into negotiations for their first RWDSU contract. Earlier last month the employees of Indiana Excelsior Co. voted for RWDSU in an NLRB election, and negotiations were begun on a new contract as The Record was in the mails last week.

Thirty-five workers are employed in this plant, which is the sole Indiana producer of the well known excelsior packing wool. Romer said the employees now earn just the legal minimum, 75 cents an hour, and have never had paid vacations or holidays. They seek substantial wage increases and union conditions such as seniority and grievance machinery as well as vacations and holidays.

One of the newly organized shops has already won its first RWDSU contract. The employees of Nationwide

Food Service, industrial cafeteria concessionaire, in the General Electric plant at Fort Wayne, have won wage boosts of five cents an hour, one week's paid vacation after one year of service, seven paid holidays and other conditions typical of RWDSU contracts.

While the cafeteria now employs 15 workers, it is newly opened, and Romer said it is expected the operation will eventually employ some 40 people.

Another industrial cafeteria concession, independently operated, has been organized among the majority of the 20 employees. This one is in the U. S. Rubber plant here. The workers are preparing a petition for an NLRB election.

In the western border city of Terre Haute, the 20 employees of American News Co., distributors of magazines, joined RWDSU and are awaiting an election date from the labor board. This group is the second American News Co. branch to be organized in RWDSU. The other is in Indianapolis.

Romer described the Terre Haute group as enthusiastic, and demonstrating their determination to stick to the union by meeting regularly to draw demands and plan their negotiating campaign.



JOSEPH ROMER
Reports Organizing Gains

5 to 12 Cents Raise Offer At Libby in Chi

CHICAGO, Ill.—A proposed contract settlement between Local 194 and the Libby, McNeill & Libby food canning company was before the 300 Libby employees as The Record went to press last week. The offer includes wage increases ranging from five to 12 cents an hour plus vacation improvements.

The offer came last month a few weeks after the workers had decisively rejected a three-cent offer accompanied by a number of counter-demands by the company which would have seriously set back hard won union working conditions. The workers reacted to these demands by mobilizing in daily union card checks at the plant gates and demonstrating their unity and determination in other ways, '194' Exec. Vice-Pres. George White said.

Major ingredients of the settlement are wage increases of nine to 12 cents an hour for skilled workers and five cents hourly for unskilled employees, plus a fourth week of vacation after 25 years' service.

The negotiating committee included Libby Div. Dir. Mike Werniak, Div. Sec. Martin Anderson, Sadie Knutson, Annie Long, Eva Clements, James Moore, Lovett Bibbs and Revis Wright. They were assisted by White.

Meanwhile, the workers in M. Steffen won a new contract with wage increases of 10 cents an hour across the board, '194' Pres. John Gallacher reported. Wage rates now range from \$1.55 to \$1.80 an hour. The talks were led by Gallacher and Sec.-Treas. Veronica Kryzan, with a committee including Julius Volpi, McKinley Chatman and Henry Kopke.

Clark Candy in Chi Settles

CHICAGO—An agreement on a one-year contract with Clark Candy Co., providing a package of gains worth eight cents an hour, was reached on April 17, Chicago Joint Board Pres. Hank Anderson reported. The settlement averted a strike at the plant, which had been authorized in a vote by the workers last month.

The pact calls for a wage hike of three cents an hour retroactive to Feb. 9, a comprehensive hospitalization program, and the addition of Good Friday as a paid holiday. This is the first contract with the plant, following the union's victory in an NLRB election Feb. 1 by a vote of 53 to 16.

Meanwhile, Anderson reported, negotiations are continuing at Lane Bryant, where a strike authorization vote was also taken last month. A meeting with the firm was scheduled for April 28, as The Record went to press.

'All for One' Quaker Oats Locals' Slogan As They Map Joint Pact Negotiations

CHICAGO, Ill.—The member-locals of the Joint Quaker Oats Council, representing 2,500 Quaker employees in seven of the company's key plants, will face the company as one in contract negotiations later this year, Council delegates determined at a meeting here April 16-17.

The Council, which consists of representatives of RWDSU, the CIO Brewery Workers and two AFL locals, also elected officers for the coming year. Re-elected to the top post was James Walsh, business agent of RWDSU Local 125 in St. Joseph, Mo. Others are Sam Clark of RWDSU Local 110, who was named vice-president, and Lucille Bisinger of the same local, elected secretary-treasurer.

Working with the Council is RWDSU Midwest Regional Dir. Al Evanoff.

Last year's negotiations with the Quaker Company were a successful demonstration of the Council's effectiveness, Walsh observed, with each Local gaining the contract goals set down by the Council.

Plans are to formulate contract proposals at another Quaker Council meeting shortly before reopening talks begin next December. Among the demands will be retroactivity of wage increases to the contract reopening date, Walsh said.

Dow Cheese in Wisc. Settles Pact Early

POND DU LAC, Wisc.—The members of Local 341 working at Dow Cheese did a quick job of renewing their contract, settling it well before its expiration May 1, Regional Dir. Al Evanoff reported.

The workers won wage increases ranging from six to nine and a half cents an hour in the negotiations conducted by Steward Gordon Krueger and Evanoff. The firm is a subsidiary of the Cudahy meat packing company, in its poultry and dairy division.

8c Package Over Two Years Won at Leaf Brands in Chicago

CHICAGO—A new contract with a package of gains worth more than eight cents an hour for each of the 300 Leaf Brands employees was unanimously ratified at a meeting of the shop April 16, it was reported by Chicago Joint Board Pres. Hank Anderson. The agreement will run for two years, going into effect June 1, expiration date of the present contract.

Provisions of the pact include a wage boost of seven cents an hour, four cents of which will be paid beginning June 1, with the other three cents starting June 1, 1956. Also gained were improvements in hospitalization, representing a cost of one cent an hour; payment for all holidays, regardless of what day of the week they fall on; and a formula for correction of wage inequities under the plant's incentive program.

The settlement of the holiday issue was made retroactive to cover last New Year's Day, which fell on a Saturday. Employees will now be paid for it, Anderson said, as well as any future holidays falling on a non-working day.

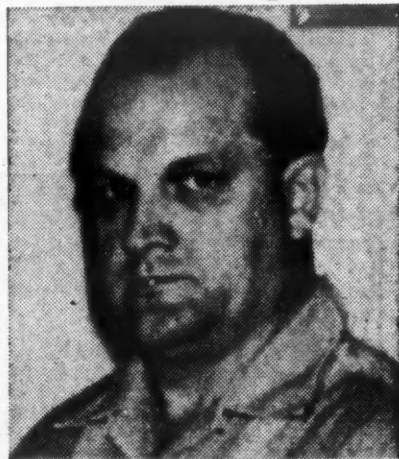
Negotiations with Leaf Brands, which

7 to 17c in Buffalo At Wallboard Firm

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Wage increases of seven to 17 cents an hour accompanied other gains in a new contract between Local 1232 and the Certainteed Products Co., distributors of wallboard, Int'l Rep. Thomas Evans reported.

Shift differentials were increased two cents an hour to six cents for second shift and eight cents for third-shift people workers. A change in vacation eligibility dates will provide vacations with pay a year earlier for a number of workers, Evans said.

The union negotiators were, in addition to Evans, Local 1232 Pres. Irene Biddle, Vice-Pres. Raymond Shul, Treas. Walter Fitzgerald, Joseph Cicatello and J. C. Smith. Company spokesmen were plant manager H. F. Debo and superintendent A. Koegler.



HENRY B. ANDERSON

makes crackers and cookies, began and were concluded more than six weeks before the existing contract's expiration, Anderson noted. This came about because Mr. Sam Shankman, the company head, had scheduled a trip to Europe and wanted to try to conclude a new agreement before he left.

The union was glad to begin the talks, which were conducted by Anderson and Int'l Reps. Carl Sanzone and Manuel Galladora for the Joint Board.

Anderson expressed satisfaction with the amicable settlement that had been worked out, contrasting it with the bitter 3½-week strike conducted against the firm two years ago. At that time, he noted, the union had settled for a four-cent annual increase—an amount equaled by the current peaceful agreement.

Retail Locals Heed Livingston's Call:**Organize Retail TV and Jewelry Chains**

RETAIL LOCALS—The Retail locals of District 65 are reaping results by applying a program urged on all locals by Pres. David Livingston—calling on leading rank and filers to take responsibility for organizing new members into their locals.

The Retail TV and Retail Miscellaneous Locals report that together they have contacted nearly 100 unorganized workers, signed up a substantial number of them, and in two retail chains have already begun negotiations for first '65' contracts.

Most important success thus far was scored at B.C. Richards & Son, one of the oldest and best established TV and appliance retailers on Long Island. The firm has a three-store chain employing about 30 workers, with stores in Ozone Park, Cambria Heights and Belmore.

The employer granted recognition of the workers' choice of '65' on the strength of signed membership cards from the overwhelming majority. The lead to B.C. Richards

"What is needed is a great upsurge of activity to build the Union by thousands of members, Pres. Livingston declared, with the best members in every local undertaking the responsibility for leadership."

"We are not pollyannas," he added. "We do not expect that all our members will respond at the outset, or even 50 percent. But no one can tell me that we cannot get 10 to 15 percent of our members to take the lead, and that would mean more than 3,000 people actively at work building and strengthening our union."

—Pres. Livingston, quoted in *The Record*, April 17.

was developed through 65er Marvin Resnick, a salesman at Vim TV.

Negotiations were being held also with a Bronx retail chain selling jewelry. The firm, M. Hoffman & Son, has three stores employing nine

workers. The employees seek a five-day week, chain-wide seniority, the Security Plan and union hiring. Heading up the negotiating committee are Organizer Silverstein and the Hoffman firm's leading new 65er, Hy Karp.

Success in applying the advice of Pres. Livingston is also revealed in the Paint store section of the Retail Local, where, under the leadership of Organizer Max Klarer, a committee of eight members from various shops meets each week to pick target shops and work out ways of bringing them in.

The committee's first campaign involves contacts with six retail paint shops with about 40 employees, a number of whom have already signed up. This drive is being led by committeeman Lew Gross of Merit Paint.

The committee looks to involve more rank and filers from the shops in which committee members work, operating on the tried-and-true principles that each member has a responsibility to help build District 65.



DAVID LIVINGSTON

District 65 President's call for members to organize in their industries meeting with response in Retail Locals of union.

Following Press Reports of Huge Profits:**'65' ASKS BLOOMINGDALE FOR NEW WAGE HIKE**

Thirty five hundred 65ers at the big Bloomingdale department store on 59th Street are asking the company to reopen the contract for further wage discussions, Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren announced. The action came on the heels of reports in *The New York Times*, the trade paper *Women's Wear Daily* and other papers that Federated Stores, of which Bloomingdale's is a large part, earned an unprecedented net income last year of more than \$19 million, which exceeded the previous year by 40 percent.

By unanimous decision the Local Executive Board voted to request Bloomingdale management to enter new wage talks in view of the company's history-making profits, and in view of the fact that the contract settlement concluded last year, was made on the basis of normal profits. The request, sent to the company in writing, is being made even though the company is not obliged by contract to join in wage talks with the union at this time.

Last year's contract settlement at Bloomingdale's provided wage increases of \$4 a week plus incorporation of the company's profit-sharing retirement plan into the contract. Two dollars of the increase went into effect in 1954, with the balance effective March 1, 1955.

In the other department stores organized in '65', initial talks have begun at Gimbel's and at Stern Bros. on the contract reopeners. Under last year's agreements a wage increase this year is to be based on the government's cost-of-living index. While the parties await publication of the latest index figures, the members are meeting by departments, Andren said, in order to determine their demands under the job classification issue, which is also open to negotiations.

While Stern management has said, it would limit talks to the cost-of-living figures, Gimbel's has indicated a willingness to go beyond the government figures when they are published. It is expected the official c-o-l index will show a limited rise.

In the all-out organizing drive at the Bloomingdale branch stores and Abraham & Straus, meanwhile, the District

is putting forward its best efforts. As the union geared for a long campaign, Organization Dir. Bill Michelson announced the appointment of two '65' leaders of long experience, General Org. Ben Berman and General Org. Nick Carnes, to work with Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren and Local 2 Chief Org. John Meegan on the suburban stores' organization.

In addition, three leading rank and filers from the stores were scheduled to undertake full time assignments in the campaign beginning Monday, May 2. They are Steward Scotty Manson of

Gimbel's, Steward Steve Romano of Bloomingdale's 59th St., and Mort Lewart, vice-chairman of Local 5 Stern Bros.

Michelson also announced the assignment of teams of locals under the direction of their General Organizers, to organizing responsibilities at individual stores on Saturdays. The assignments are: Locals led by Frank Brown and Bob Burke—Bloomingdale's Stamford; Locals led by Bernie Eisenberg—A & S in Hempstead; Locals led by Milton Reverby—Bloomingdale's Fresh Meadows; Locals

led by Ben Berman—Bloomingdale's New Rochelle. Direct Mail Locals, led by Jim Ward, will concentrate on the Circulation Associates strike.

Each dept. store local, meanwhile, has taken a specific day of the week on which they will go by special buses to branch stores for assignments in the drive. The Bloomingdale members are responsible for Mondays; Namm-Loesser 65ers will take Tuesdays; Stern members Wednesdays, and Gimbel and Saks-34th members Fridays, all to report at 9:30 a.m.



ASSIGNMENT: DEPT. STORE ORGANIZING: Key staff members of '65' have been assigned to organizing drives at A & S, Bloomingdale branch stores, working under direction of Organization Dir. Bill Michelson, Dept. Store Dir. Carl Andren (right) and Local 2 Chief Org. John Meegan. With Andren are, l. to r., Org. Bill Portnoy, working at A & S in Hempstead, General Org. Nicholas Carnes, A & S Brooklyn, and General Org. Ben Berman, assigned to the Bloomingdale branch in New Rochelle.

Record photo by Roland Willoughby

A CLEAR CUT demonstration of how a group of '65' locals moves in on a backlog of unsettled contracts and gets settlements fast is the way General Org. Andy Bellemare's group of Processing Locals are handling their contract situations. They're showing that what it takes to get contracts is members—lots of them—meeting regularly, piling up strike funds.

Bellemare reported at a meeting of the '65' organizing staff that "Our group was faced with what looked like an unbeatable backlog of contracts. Then we put the program of regular shop meetings to work, with all of our shops with unsettled contracts meeting at least twice a month in addition to regular membership meetings. Almost immediately our problem started to ease off, as the workers got really close to their individual situations and got to work solving them."

The contract picture in the locals led by Bellemare is concrete evidence of their success. In the Food Local, seven of 10 contracts due have been settled, with the other three submitted to arbitration. In the Metal Processing group the majority of contracts have been settled, and those outstanding are still



SHOE JOBBERS COMMITTEE sweats out detailed preparations for upcoming negotiations with association of employers, going over list of demands. Contract reopens this month. L. to r., Leon Slatin, Dave Levine, Joe James, Louis Talmieri (standing), Benice Michaelson, William Rosenberg, Kalman "Kelly" Dolgenos.

What It Takes to Win Contracts

In negotiations.

The quickening pace of settlements in District 65's 1955-wage campaign brought the number of workers covered by new contracts to more than 3,000 last week. Organization Dir. Bill Michelson declared: "We are making the best progress in those sections of the union where the members are carrying out the District program of involving each and every shop member in his own contract problems through frequent and regular shop meetings."

Michelson pointed out that the settlement score was significant in terms of quality as well as numbers of completed contracts. He said that in the main the settlements have achieved the goals set by the District—namely two year pacts with increases ranging from 15 to 25 cents an hour. Where two year contracts could not be won, the workers are settling for raises of 10 cents and more for one year.

General Org. Frank Brown reported settlements in line with these goals at the 60-worker Arthur Beir shop, biggest Textile shop in the union, Textile Fabrics, another large shop, and a number of smaller shops employing a total of 200 workers.

Negotiations are proceeding with Lerner's on the question of job classifications, and General Org. Milton Reverby said it is expected that agreement will be reached on this key issue in the coming few weeks, whereupon the balance of the issues will come up for discussion.

In a number of cases, including some of the key shops in the District the contracts have been submitted to arbitration. The wage case of 2,000 Direct Mail 65ers in employer association shops is now being put before an arbitrator, and the 600 Revlon Cosmetics workers are also awaiting appointment of an arbitrator to decide their contract re-opener. Close to 150 workers in the Miles Shoe office and warehouse have also submitted their case to arbitration after several negotiating sessions failed to bring an offer from the employer.



DIRECT MAIL ARBITRATION now in progress saw committee representing 2,000 members in association shops presenting case at Amer. Arb. Assn. before Arbitrator Morris S. Rosenthal. Leading in wage case presentation of 65ers is Organization Dir. Bill Michaelson, assisted by Contracts Dept. Dir. Phil Manheim and local chairman Jim Ward (all three at left). Standing in rear are Local Sec. Hattie Young and Jeanne Bachman.



STRIKE VOTE BALLOTS are tallied by committee of Columbia Combining, shop of 75 workers, where offer of \$1 to operators, same to helpers, was rejected. Meeting was chaired by John Rubino of shop, also vice-chairman of Chemical & Paint Local. Tally showed members favor strike unless offer is upped.

'65' Polio Inoculation Program Delayed:

Vaccine Shipments Held Up; '65' Hits Lack of U. S. Plan

A sharp denunciation of the lack of proper planning in distribution of the Salk polio vaccine was coupled with a request for U.S. government action to avert a black market and insure inoculations for all children in a telegram sent to Pres. Eisenhower last week by David Livingston, President of District 65. The wire, one of many such messages from civic and labor leaders, urged the President to use his executive powers "to institute immediate Federal supervision over distribution of polio vaccine, with priority on supplies to local governments and other public and non-profit institutions which will provide inoculations to all children on the basis of public service."

District 65, like New York City and other organizations, has not yet been able to get any clear-cut commitment from the drug companies as to when they will deliver the vaccine they have promised to supply to the Union, Livingston said, and therefore the Union cannot yet announce a definite program to inoculate members' children.

Livingston added that the Union's expectation that the substantial number of 65ers enrolled in Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York would be able to have their children inoculated through HIP by the end of May—the date originally projected by HIP—also faces postponement. While HIP officials have expressed confidence that their suppliers' commitments on vaccine

shipments will be met, the delay in delivery of the city's order will probably mean a similar delay in HIP's inoculation plans.

Despite the urging of District 65 and many other unions and community organizations, there is still no indication that the Administration intends to take adequate measures on vaccine distribution. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, U.S. Welfare Secretary, made it clear last week that she is against any federal controls over distribution, a view that was shared by Pres. Eisenhower at his press conference Wednesday, April 27. Both said they favored a program of "voluntary" allocations, which would of course leave control over distribution in the hands of the large drug companies now manufacturing the vaccine.

The shortcomings of such a "voluntary" program were pointed up last week when the city was forced to postpone inoculations of first and second-graders in the schools because promised supplies of vaccine were not delivered. Many other cities and health organizations have also had to put off their polio shots because they have not yet received the vaccine.

The warnings against the dangers of a black market in the vaccine expressed in Livingston's wire to the White House were underscored a few days later by New York City's Commissioner of Purchase Spagna. Returning from Washington after a futile attempt to buy the vaccine authorized by the city, Spagna expressed fear that commercial users like doctors and druggists would be the first to get available supplies. National officers of both CIO and AFL also urged mandatory federal priorities and a public program of inoculation, despite assurances from government officials that a supply of vaccine sufficient to inoculate 25 million children will be on hand before July 1.

Notables to Address 'Senior 65ers'

Gala Affair May 16 to Mark 5th Year of Pension Plan

By JACK OSSOFKY

A festive luncheon, marking the fifth anniversary of the District 65 Pension Plan, will take place May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the '65' Center. Arrangements now being completed by the Senior 65ers, retired members of the Union, include an impressive list of speakers from government and labor as well as entertainment by several talented retired members. The luncheon is being catered by Club 65.

Felix Solomons, Chairman of the retired members group, who heads the arrangements committee, announced that Pres. David Livingston will preside over the affair. Invited speakers include Cong. Emanuel Celler, City Council Pres. Abe Stark, and Louis Hollander, president of the N.Y. State CIO Council.

Special pleasure was expressed at the last meeting of the retired members' committee when word was received that Arthur Osman, executive vice-president of our International Union, in charge of the South, will be present at the luncheon and will address the participants.

Osman, founder of District 65, was the leader of the Union's struggles to establish the Pension Plan in the distributive industry. He has been the manager of the Plan since its inception in 1950 and is currently supervising a detailed study of the Plan aimed at bringing it closer to the objective of making the years of retirement truly "golden years."

The Pension Plan, now five years old, has already increased benefits several times in its short history and has become known throughout the land as one of labor's finest retirement programs.

In addition to paying benefits of up to \$250 monthly to the average 65er upon retirement, the Plan also provides complete medical care and hospitalization for the retired member and family, and also covers retired members for death and burial benefits.

District 65 members who have retired now number 250. They are coming from upstate New York, Philadelphia and other areas, as well as New York, to participate in the affair, for which 150 tickets have been sold thus far.

The Committee in charge of the affair includes Larry Wertheimer, Lewis Kelt, Anna Abramson, Etta West, Henry Hetzel, Thomas Gefen, Rose Nickelsberg. Several '65' officers, including Jack Paley, Bill Michelson, Cleveland Robinson and Kenneth Sherbell will attend the affair.



REP. EMANUEL CELLER
He'll speak at Pension Plan affair.

Arthur Osman a Grandpa — It's a Boy!

Arthur Osman became a grandfather on April 15, when 6-pound, 13-ounce Allen Mark Osman was born to David Osman and his wife, Jill. News of the event in Miami, Fla. flew quickly to New York, and scores of 65ers as well as other friends of Arthur and the young couple sent heartfelt congratulations.

To members of '65' the event has more than ordinary significance. The birth of David Osman, Arthur's first child, in September, 1933, was the occasion which the founder of '65' used to start the organization of his shop, the dry goods firm of H. Eckstein & Sons. Arthur invited a number of trusted Eckstein workers to his home on that occasion and there they pledged, in a solemn oath, to stick together no matter what the consequences, and to build a union in which the miserably exploited, downtrodden immigrant Jews in the lower East Side's dry goods shops could better their lot.

That was 22 years ago, and the pace of David Osman's growth to teen age, manhood and now fatherhood has been matched by the growth of '65', today embracing 30,000 members of all nationalities and faiths in one of America's great trade unions. As David Osman reached the maturity and responsibility which produced a son, so has '65' grown to the greatest strength in its history under the philosophy and policies developed by its founder, and carried out by his co-workers who now lead '65', David Livingston, Jack Paley, Bill Michelson and Cleveland Robinson.

At his son's circumcision in 1933, Arthur proposed to a small group of his co-workers that they band together to liberate themselves from the miserable conditions which made them sick in body and murdered their spirit. At his grandson's circumcision ceremony in Miami's Mount Sinai Hospital, Arthur stated a fervent wish for all mankind:

"I hope that the blood that was shed here in circumcizing my grandson will be the only blood that is shed in his lifetime. Mankind, rather than pursuing tendencies toward destruction, should, in the image of its Creator, become creative and enrich life for the children of all men. The only 'wars' should be those waged against disease, suffering and poverty. I hope that in the fulfillment of this divine purpose my grandson may make some contribution."



FATHER OF THE GROOM showed his pleasure at wedding ceremony Dec. 31, 1952. Arthur Osman joined his son David and daughter-in-law Jill in this marriage photo. Now David's a civilian and father of a son himself.

Union Wins Key Arbitration On Classifications at Revlon

COSMETIC & DRUG LOCAL—A worker's ability, as demonstrated on the job, and length of service are the most reliable factors which determine job classification. This is the meaning of a precedent-setting arbitrator's ruling at the big Revlon Cosmetic main plant in the Bronx. The ruling supported the position of District 65 in the case of Joan Riley, Revlon employee who was laid off on account of improper classification, and has now been reinstated.

General Org. Milton Reverby said the ruling will enable many Revlon workers seeking permanent classification to demand it on the basis of proven ability and length of service. He said it would help to prevent the misuse of "aptitude tests" in determining whether or not a worker in a certain classification can perform that job, even though that worker has been on the job for a considerable period.

The question of proper classification has been a major grievance of Revlon employees, since it often determines whether a worker is laid off or not. Improperly classified workers, whom the company shuttles from one job to another, are unable to accumulate seniority in one category, and are therefore susceptible to lay-off.

It has been pointed out that the majority of such cases, where lay offs do occur, are in violation of the union contract. The contract calls for a 30-day trial period, with classification of a worker in a certain job achieved when the trial period is over.

In the case of Joan Riley, the com-

pany had used her in a number of different jobs, although her proper classification—never granted by the company—was that of a factory clerical worker. The case was presented to the arbitrator by Organizer Dean Zavattaro, with Revlon 65ers Charles Levec, Evelyn Felix and Mary Williams, who gave personal testimony of their experiences. The arbitrator was Mr. Lee Epstein.

'65' General Council Meets May 4

The General Council of District 65 will meet Wednesday, May 4, in the Penthouse Ballroom. The Executive Council, made up of local officers and the organizing staff, meets the previous Monday, May 2.

Agenda for both meetings includes: Report on union finances; Report by committee on proposed changes in finance rules and regulations; Medical Plan report; and collective bargaining report.



RECORD Photo by Irving France

STERN BEAUTY SALON members wear smiles as they discuss offer of settlement from Soffia Company. Offer, which also affects Gimbel and Arnold Constable salons, was turned down. Frank Rosiello of Stern's in on deck.



DISTRICT 65 MEETING NOTICE

MAY

DATE	DIVISION	TIME	ROOM
Monday, May 9	Toy & Giftware	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
Tuesday, May 10	Local 3	7:15 P.M.	Penthouse
Wednesday, May 11	Apparel	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
" May 11	Millinery	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Thursday, May 12	Corrugated	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
" May 12	Cigar	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Saturday, May 14	Display (Shoe)	10:00 A.M.	Room 403
Sunday, May 15	Union News & ABC	1:00 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Monday, May 16	Chemical & Paint	7:00 P.M.	Panel Room
" May 16	Metal Processing (English)	6:30 P.M.	Oval Room
" May 16	Dental	7:00 P.M.	Room 506
" May 16	Insurance	3:00 P.M.	Room 506
Tuesday, May 17	Textile	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
" May 17	News (People's Candy)	10:00 A.M.	Room 506
" May 17	General Office	7:00 P.M.	Panel Room
" May 17	Food	6:30 P.M.	Oval Room
Wednesday, May 18	Local 1250 (Norton's)	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
" May 18	Needle Processing	6:30 P.M.	Panel Room
" May 18	Display (Dept. Stores)	7:00 P.M.	Room 403
" May 18	RTV & General Retail (Jamaica, LI, Queens)	7 & 10 P.M.	Whitman Hotel
" May 18	New Jersey	5:30 P.M.	Continental Ballroom
" May 18	Cosmetic & Drug	6:30 P.M.	Green Room
Thursday, May 19	Garnment	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
" May 19	Metal Processing (Spanish)	6:30 P.M.	Clover Room
" May 19	Display (Service)	7:00 P.M.	Room 506
" May 19	RTV (New Jersey)	9:00 P.M.	Continental Ballroom
" May 19	Hardware	7:00 P.M.	Oval Room
Monday, May 23	Direct Mail	6:30 P.M.	Penthouse
" May 23	Corrugated Nite Shift	11:00 A.M.	5th Floor Lounge
Tuesday, May 24	Knitwear	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
" May 24	Screen	7:00 P.M.	Room 506
" May 24	Dry Goods	7:00 P.M.	Penthouse
Wednesday, May 25	Garfield News	10 A.M. & 7 P.M.	5th Floor Lounge
" May 25	RTV	7:30 & 10:45 P.M.	Panel Room
" May 25	Button	7:00 P.M.	Clover Room
Thursday, May 26	Shoe	7:00 P.M.	Green Room
" May 26	Sample Card	6:45 P.M.	Panel Room

NOTE: General Retail will meet in three separate divisions. These divisions are Jewelry Credit which will meet Tuesday May 17 at 7:30, Paint, Hardware & Novelty Thur., May 26 at 7:30, Misc. Retail Wed., June 1, at 7:30 P.M.

Local 2, 5 and Local 1250 (Namm's) Divisional and Crew Meetings.

13 ASTOR PLACE

By BERNIE STEPHENS

• We talk and write a lot about 13 Astor Place, and it might be argued that, along with 30,000 other members, we're "Sixty-five-ophiles"—prejudiced, that is. Some months ago a Herald-Tribune reporter, Robert Bedolis, writing in The Nation magazine, described the Union as an outsider sees it, and we could all say with satisfaction of his laudatory article, "He's only saying these things because they're true." Now the publication of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, "HIP News" has published a four-page feature article on District 65, from which we can excerpt only a few sentences:

"Every day about 2,000 members of District 65 come to 13 Astor Place. Ninety percent of the 30,000 members come regularly. Scattered over Greater New York, some must travel more than an hour to get there. They come because, to a striking degree, the District 65 Center has become their 'second home' . . . The heart of the union's dedicated effort to make life easier for its members is an employer-financed Security Plan (with 'cradle-to-the-grave' benefits at the rate of \$3,500,000 per year to members and their families . . . Its Credit Union is one of the nation's largest with 10,000 members. Its pharmacy fills about 200 prescriptions a day. It is operated on a cost-plus-overhead basis and saves members as much as 60%. It has a fine optical shop, cafeteria, bar, 32 meeting rooms, five ballrooms . . . Turnover (at Consumer Service, the union's retail store) is more than \$1,500,000 a year, and it means savings of one-third or more to its members in useful goods . . . The after-work activities include basketball, softball, gym-swim, art classes and exhibitions; a dramatic club, chorus, concert orchestra; typing, stenography, bookkeeping and language classes; ballroom dancing . . . Astor Place is a dark, dreary neighborhood at night, but the District 65 Center is always alive with hundreds of activities."

• Impressions of the Washington delegation for \$1.25 Minimum Wage and extended coverage: The quota for '65' delegates was originally set at 75, but this was like assigning a little side-show tent for a performance of the Ringling Bros. Circus. Final tally showed more than 200 65ers on the train (which wound up with five special cars instead of the original two cars ordered) . . . Local 2 members (Gimbels and Saks-34th) themselves chipped in \$600 to send 40 delegates! . . . One delegation of 65ers making the rounds of congressmen was enlivened by the presence of Betty Beal, born in Texas, grewed-up in North Carolina, and now steward at Olympic Knitwear. A firebrand, she debated with congressmen in that devastating down-South accent, was asked by a congressman, "You say you're from New York?" . . . The New York City Police Dept. called to inquire about the delegation, asking if police were needed to supervise the Penn Station assembling of delegates. How did they know about the delegation? the officer was asked. "Oh," he answered, "my wife is a member. She gets The Record, and I read the article."

• Items to prove that, "picketing can be fun": From a fellow named Nathan Runkel in DuBarry, Florida, came a letter to the union last week, stating that he had seen a story of the Bloomingdale organizing campaign in The Record, was planning to be in Stamford soon, and would like to take a turn on the picketline at the Bloomingdale store there. Renee Cohen, that wise little gal organizing at the Bloomingdale branches, comments: "He saw the picture of Jeanette Fuller (striker at Stamford) in a bathing suit, that's what." . . . Bob Dobbs of The Record staff, taking his turn on the line at the New Rochelle store of Bloomingdales, found a \$5 bill lying right there at his feet . . . Ingrate that he is, Dobbs wouldn't share the loot with his fellow pickets, who included someone who works very closely with him.

• On the Steve Allen TV show last Monday night, Allen took time out to hold up a copy of The Record and express his appreciation and that of the staff of the show for the two-page interview in the April 17th issue of The Record. And we in turn are appreciative of the nice words spoken by a great entertainer and a great guy . . . Interviewing Steve Allen was interesting, but you'll agree that the letter reproduced below, TURNING DOWN an interview with The Record, is even more interesting and memorable. Speaking with us

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of December 2nd.

As I am trying to avoid unnecessary publicity I regret not to be able to comply with your wish for an interview.

Yours sincerely,

Albert Einstein.

after the great scientist's death. Dave Livingston observed that Einstein, creator of the Atomic Age, will be remembered for the fervent expressions on behalf of a world where peace and freedom will reign, along with his scientific genius.

• Late word from the post-operative Cleveland Robinson, is that he's on the road to complete recovery from operations on both eyes, that his vision will be 20-20 (with specs), and that he appreciates the many "get-well" messages from 65ers. Cleve's at home now, should be back at his secretary-treasurer post about the middle of May. His wife Sue says that while at the hospital Cleve insisted on a daily taste of '65—she brought up a sandwich or two daily from Club 65.

• ONCE OVER LIGHTLY: Millie Solomon, Garment Locals' secretary, recently returned from a prolonged stay in Europe and Israel, thrilled at seeing herself in new film, "Hill 24 Is Calling", first feature movie made in Israel. The Times review praised picture highly. Millie recalls that there were thrills while film was in production in desert; she and others in movie were fired on by Israeli patrols, who thought they were Arabs . . . Many 65ers in Washington on Minimum Wage delegation happy to see Henry Hamilton, 65er working with Newport News, Va., local. Henry was in Washington with large Virginia delegation . . . Isn't it a fact that the '65' telephone switchboard is the best operated in the city, with the politest, most efficient crew of operators? All five gals are rank and file members out of '65' shops—Devola Odom (chief operator), Sonny Weiner and Bea Eckstein of processing locals, Ethel Brown of Davega, and Ann Copeland of Hearn.

3 New Shops Signed In Garment Area Drive

The Garment area organizing drive, with rank-and-file committees seeking out unorganized shops in the area, continued to bear fruit with the announcement that five new shops have been brought under organization in the five locals led by General Org. Frank Brown and Org. Al Dicker and Zeke Cohen.

Contracts have been obtained in three of the newly organized firms including Irving Prince, Al Werth and A.B. Plastics, while negotiations are scheduled to take place in the others. Increases in these shops ranged from \$5 to \$15, plus Security Plan coverage and other typical clauses of a District 65 contract.

'65' Leaders Attend Affair Honoring Carmine De Sapio

Nine leaders of District 65, headed by Pres. David Livingston, attended a testimonial dinner April 25 in honor of Carmine De Sapio, Democratic leader and New York Secretary of State, on behalf of the State of Israel Bond Organization. Bonds worth \$10,000 were purchased by the '65' Security Plan.

The '65' group included Frank Brown, Joe Tillem, Nick Carnes, Carl Andren, Sol Molofsky, John O' Neill, John Mongello and Frank Patten. Another '65' officer, Jack Paley, was also present, in his capacity as an International Union officer. RWDSU Pres. Max Greenberg served as a co-sponsor of the affair.

Among the speakers at the dinner were Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Avram Arram of the Israeli government, Ira Guilden, chairman of the Bond Committee and others.

'Eagle' Strikers Accept '65' Donation With Thanks

A contribution by District 65 to the New York Newspaper Guild's Brooklyn Eagle Strike Fund has been acknowledged with appreciation by M. Michael Potoker, secretary-treasurer of the Guild. The donation was made for the benefit of the strikers, in response to an appeal by the Guild for aid. The Brooklyn Eagle employees are still on strike after nearly three months, despite the publisher's announcement that he will not resume publication of the newspaper.

Earnings Limit Boosted For Jobless Benefits

Although the top unemployment insurance benefit rate will not be boosted from \$30 to \$36 until July, workers who are only partially unemployed will get an immediate advantage under the liberalized unemployment insurance law signed last week by Governor Harriman. District 65 and other RWDSU locals campaigned for this and other changes in the law.

Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin announced that, effective immediately, workers who have less than four days of employment in a week will be entitled to partial unemployment benefits if their earnings do not exceed \$36 a week. Previously, earnings of more than \$30 a week disqualified a partially unemployed claimant.

Partial benefits will be paid, Commissioner Lubin said, at three-quarters, one-half or one-quarter of the normal benefit rate, depending on whether the claimant has had one, two or three days' work.

Unemployed 65ers Urged: Register in Hiring Hall

The Security Plan office has issued a reminder to all District 65 members to register in the Hiring Hall if they become unemployed. Registration for unemployed members, which includes checking in at the Hiring Hall at least once every two weeks, will assure continuity of coverage for various benefits of the Security Plan, the reminder stated.

Registration in the Hiring Hall is particularly important for members who have accrued credit for retirement under the '65' Pension Plan, it was also noted.

"HIP or Fee-for-Service" Proposal Discussed by 65ers

Medical Plan Change Favored

Proposed changes in the District 65 Medical Plan—to enable each member to choose either pre-paid medical care through HIP, or cash allowances on doctor bills with a completely free choice of doctors—have been greeted with approval at April membership meetings of the Locals.

Based on the sentiments registered to date, it is expected that after continued discussions among all 65ers, the May membership meetings will formally vote to adopt the proposed changes.

The program of alternative fee-for-service medical benefits, following adoption by the Union membership, will be acted upon by the Trustees of the '65' Security Plan and the Store Workers Security Plan, at their semi-annual meetings in June.

Medical Plan Director Irving Baldinger reports that meanwhile preparations are under way to institute the modifications of the Plan by the summer months if the membership and the Trustees vote approval.



IRVING BALDINGER

Plans are being drawn, he said, to enable each member to express a choice between coverage under HIP or the alternative fee-for-service medical benefits. He urged members who have private family doctors to speak to their doctors about the Plan and to recommend for the Security Plan panels those doctors in whom they have confidence and who will agree to accept the proposed allowances as full payment for their services.

The allowances under consideration include: \$3

per visit in the doctor's office or in the hospital; \$4 per visit in the member's home; and special allowances for various types of surgery, X-ray and laboratory services.

These benefits are the same as those now being provided for "Out of Area" members, who live in New Jersey and other localities where there are no HIP Medical Groups. Security Plan Director Kenneth Sherbell pointed out at the April General Council meeting that experience with this "Out of Area" group, while it covers less than a thousand members, served as a guide in mapping plans for the companion fee-for-service program, and showed that such a plan might be feasible. However, he noted that it remains to be seen whether the program can be realized within the Medical Plan's income.

Safeguards against possible misuse or abuse of the Plan are also being discussed, to insure the financial soundness of the program and the continuation of the Medical Plan. Among the suggestions being considered in this respect are the expansion of Local Security Plan Committees as well as Community Committees to review medical claims.

Reports on the Medical Plan at the Local meetings in April evoked widespread interest and discussion. At many of the meetings members described their own experiences in HIP. While many had praise for HIP, and indicated that if given an alternative choice they would prefer to remain in HIP, others indicated a preference for a program of cash allowances on their doctor bills with the right to use any doctor of their choice.

But widespread agreement was expressed from both groups that the current proposal, to enable all members to benefit from the Medical Plan, is fair and proper and organizationally sound, because it will promote greater unity in the ranks of the Union.

Community Fund Drive at \$3,000 Mark

65ers 'Giving' Thru Their Union

The District 65 Community Fund Drive is now approaching the \$3,000 mark in membership contributions to various community organizations and continues to pick up speed, committee Chairman John Meegan announced.

Each local of the Union is striving for a minimum contribution of \$1 per member. Thus far the New Jersey Local has done the best job, with 50% of its quota already reached. The only exception is the smaller Insurance Local, made up of Golden Eagle Ins. Co. agents, which has turned in \$2 per member and thus accomplished 200 per cent of its goal.

Success of the Salk vaccine, developed through contributions to the March of Dimes, has served to inspire many members to contribute through the Union to the Cancer Foundation, the Heart Fund, Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Assn., and others, in the hope that these diseases too can be overcome.

Many other noteworthy organizations that assist New Yorkers have also come in for special attention, including the Greater New York Fund, the United Negro College Fund, the UJA, and the Red Cross. Community Fund Drive committees with representatives from each local, met under Meegan's direction and set up the machinery for awarding prizes and breaking down the contributions for the various organizations.

A special vote of thanks was tendered by the committee to the employers and friends of District 65 who contributed the prizes. Leading this group is Luby Chevrolet, for the gift of the 1955 Chevrolet some lucky 65er will win. Others include City Camera, Times Columbia, A. Stern, Rival Sales, Admiration Products, A. Cohen & Sons, Guss Distributors, Allan Appliances, Firman Leather, Atomic Sportswear, various suppliers of Club 65, Revlon Cosmetics, Ceragraphic, Sun Radio, London Records, Seamless Rubber, Stratford Blouse, J. & J., Grossinger's, Leo Glass.

In this unique drive to aid the necessary causes so important for the New York community, many 65ers will have the opportunity of winning these gifts, which are on display in the Finance Dept.

Close by the gifts is the barometer of the money coming in. The local with the best record of contributions will gain the most valuable prize (next to the Chevrolet). Prizes will be awarded at Local

membership meetings in June (but only to members who are present). The grand prize winner of the Chevy will be announced at the '65' General Council meeting in July.



Record photo by Al Wolpert

HAPPY WARRIORS are these 65ers of Quilting shops committee, at meeting preparing for arbitration of their '55 contract reopening. Bosses in association are demanding a \$7 pay cut. Nurul Amin is speaking, and whatever it is he's saying has Sona Meah (at left) all broken up.

LA VOZ HISPANA

Livingston Visualiza Mas Grande '65'

Dice Livingston que si los miembros del Distrito 65 ponen de su parte, podríamos tener una Unión de 40,000 miembros.

Qué significa un Distrito 65 de 40,000 miembros?

Sencillamente, que tendríamos la fuerza y el poder de aumentar nuestro nivel de vida, tener un seguro decente y darles aumento de salarios a miles de miembros que trabajan en tiendas de departamento, Direct Mail, Metalic y muchos otros.

Esta visión fué presentada en el mitin del Concilio General celebrado el 5 de Abril por nuestro presidente, David Livingston. Por qué los trabajadores del acero ganan 80 pesos semanales o más y nuestros miembros empleados en tiendas ganan sesenta pesos o menos? Nos pregunta Livingston. La respuesta es la siguiente. La industria del Acero (Steel) está toda organizada, mientras que las tiendas aun no han sido organizadas en general. Esto también es verdad en las diferentes industrias del distrito.

Lo que se necesita es la actividad de miles de nuestros miembros, que estén dispuestos a coger la responsabilidad de líderes.

Sabemos que todos los miembros no se van a movilizar, pero, por lo menos, un diez por ciento de nuestros mejores miembros pueden responder a este llamamiento.

Si hubiesen tres mil miembros activos en todo el distrito podríamos tener la Unión que yo visualizo, dice Livingston.

Livingston sugiere a todas las locales que estudien esta sugerencia y verán como en un futuro no lejano tenemos la Unión mas fuerte y poderosa del mundo como solamente un Distrito 65 se merece.

Discusion Abierta Para el Plan Medico

Nuestro Presidente David Livingston ha propuesto un importante cambio en el Distrito 65 para el Plan Médico.

La proposición de Livingston es la siguiente:

Que los miembros tengan un plan compañero al H.I.P. y que los miembros escojan entre este plan que será pagar a médicos escogidos por los miembros o el H.I.P.

Fondos Aumentan En Campaña

Los fondos de la Campaña a Beneficio de Organizaciones Benéficas van hacia adelante.

Según nos enseña el barómetro de finanzas del Distrito 65 hay más de 3,000 dólares, pero aun está corto de los \$25,000 que ese propone recoger a través del corazón caritativo de nuestros miembros.

No olvidemos que además de ayudar a estas organizaciones hay un premio en forma de un Chevrolet del 1955, otro premio de dos días en Grossinger con gastos pagos.

Además hay muchos premios que serán distribuidos a través de las diferentes localidades en los mítines de junio. El Chevy se regalará en el mitin del Concilio General en julio. No olvidemos que para ganar premios tenemos que estar presentes en el mitin de junio.

Necesita Un Doctor?

Si Ud. tiene algún problema acerca de cual es su Grupo Médico o si aun no es inscrito en uno de los grupos de HIP o si tiene alguno problema relacionada con cuidado médico llame a la oficina de la Unión OR 3-5120.

'65' Leaders Pledge Support to Roy Wilkins, New NAACP Head

Roy Wilkins, former administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was unanimously elected executive secretary last month, replacing the late Walter White, who died March 21 at the age of 61. Wilkins began his duties in the top NAACP staff position as the representatives of bigotry, especially in the South, were pushing a last-ditch fight against implementing the historic Supreme Court decision to prohibit segregation of Negro and white children in American public schools.



ROY WILKINS
To Head NAACP

District 65 sent congratulations to Mr. Wilkins in a telegram signed by Pres. David Livingston and Sec.-Treas. Cleveland Robinson. The message said, "The officers and members of District 65 congratulate you on your election to office of executive secretary of NAACP. We wish NAACP continued success under your leadership in its many struggles for human rights. Be assured of our fullest support in these struggles."

Wilkins pledged, as he took on the mantle of Walter White, "to finish the work to which he gave his life and to realize not later than 1963, the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination and segregation."

Formerly managing editor of the Kansas City (Mo.) Call, Mr. Wilkins joined the NAACP staff in 1931 as assistant secretary. From 1934 to 1949 he also served as editor of The Crisis. NAACP's monthly organ, while continuing as assistant secretary. During Mr. White's leave of absence, 1949-'50, he served as acting executive secretary. At that time he organized the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, which brought more than 4,000 delegates to Washington

from 33 states in January, 1950.

In June, 1950, he was named to fill the newly-created office of administrator. He continued in this position until his elevation to executive secretary last week. When Mr. White became ill last fall, Mr. Wilkins was recalled from his vacation to assume responsibility as executive head of the organization.

Sterns Planning to Take Over Wanamaker Great Neck Store

Allied Stores Corp., the country's biggest department store chain, is negotiating with Wanamakers to acquire the latter's branch store in Great Neck, L.I., for Stern Bros., an Allied store. Allied officials said a deal was near for the 60,000-square-foot store but that it had not as yet been closed.

It was also reported that Sterns would open a branch in Westchester although the present deal did not include discussion of the Wanamaker's branch just opened in the Cross Country Shopping Center in Yonkers, N.Y. Wanamakers had attempted to dispose of its Cross Country store when it closed its big New

York store, but was held to a two-year lease.

Allied plans to run the Great Neck branch of Sterns along the same merchandising pattern of the New York store, according to a company spokesman.



LIGHTER MOMENT during Shifka Fabrics shop meeting came as Steward 'Red' Abramson took floor to discuss wage demands. Settlement a few days later provided \$3.50 wage increases for those employed more than a year, \$3 for those employed less than a year; 37½-hour week all year round for office and warehouse employees, and a wage reopener next year. Org. Al Dicker chaired meeting.



YOUR DOLLAR BUYS MORE THAN EVER AT DISTRICT 65 CONSUMER SERVICE

Thru improved purchasing methods Consumer Service has been able to buy at lower prices than ever before—and these savings are being passed along to our members in the form of reduced prices on hundreds of items. These new prices will be in effect as of Monday morning, May 2.

Mother's Day Specials

LADIES BLOUSES

Sizes 32 to 44. Short-Sleeve & Sleeveless — Baby Doll Sleeve Cotton — Nylon & Cotton — Dacron Man Tailored—Scoop Neck-High Neck. (Reg. \$1.98 to \$3.98). Now \$1.50 to \$2.85

LADIES COTTON PLISSE FULL SLIPS

All-Combed-Cotton. White Only. Sizes 34 to 40. (Reg. \$2.98). Now \$2.10

LADIES COTTON PLISSE PETTICOATS

White Only. Sizes: S-M-L (Reg. \$1.98). Now \$1.55

LADIES NYLON FULL SLIPS

40 Denier. Sizes 32 to 46. Pink, White, Blue, Black. (Reg. \$4.98). Now \$3.19

LADIES NYLON PETTICOATS

40 Denier. Sizes S-M-L. Pink, White, Black. (Reg. \$3.98). Now \$2.39

LADIES PLAY CLOTHES GONDOLIER JACKET

Reeves Poplin — Tangerine, Turquoise, Black, Gold. Sizes 10 to 18. (Reg. 4.98). Now \$3.19

SHORTS & PEDAL PUSHERS & WRAPAROUND SKIRTS

To Match. (Reg. 1.98 to 2.98) Now \$1.49 to \$2.35

LADIES MACHINE WASHABLE POLOS

Latest Styles. — Stripes & Colors Size S-M-L. (Reg. 1.98 to 2.98). Now \$1.30 to \$1.90

LADIES SHORTS & BRA SET

Denim & Chambray. Turquoise - Red - Navy - Toast Apricot. Sizes 10 to 18. (Reg. \$3.98). Now \$2.79

LADIES NYLON STRETCH BRIEFS

Heavy Quality. One Size. Fits All. White, Pink, Blue, Maize. (Reg. \$1.50). Now 69c

LADIES NYLON STRETCH HOSE

Latest Spring Shades. Popular Brand. Size: A-B-C. (Reg. \$1.95 pr.) Now 3 pr. for \$3.25

SPECIAL SALE — FAMOUS BRAND NYLON HOSIERY

51-15 & 51-30. New Spring Shades. Sizes 8½ to 11. (Reg. \$1.35. pr.) Now \$2.30 for 3 pr.

LADIES COMBED PLISSE PAJAMAS - GOWNS

Baby Doll Shorty Pajamas. Shorty Gowns. Solid Colors & Prints. Sizes: 34 to 48. (Reg. \$2.98). Now \$2.20

FAMOUS MAKE LADIES GIRDLES & PANTY GIRDLES

Freestride. Won't Ride Up. In Lace Weave for the Summer. Other Styles. White, Black, Pink Sizes S-M-L. (Reg. 3.98). Now \$2.79

FAMOUS MAKE BRAS

Breathase Bra — Contour Bra — Strapless Longline. White & Black. Sizes 32A to 42C. (Reg. \$2.50 to \$2.98). Now \$1.79 to \$2.25

FAMOUS BRANDS

LADIES WRIST WATCHES

at 40% to 60% off.

NECKLACES & COSTUME JEWELRY SETS

at 50% to 65% off.

G. E. TABLE & CLOCK RADIOS

at 25% off.

AUTOMATIC TOASTERS, IRONS

And Many other Houseware Items at Reduced Prices!

District 65 Consumer Service

8th Floor, 13 Astor Place

CONSUMER SERVICE is operated by and for members of our Union. You must show your Union book when making a purchase. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Friday to 8 p.m.) Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Also open after meetings.)

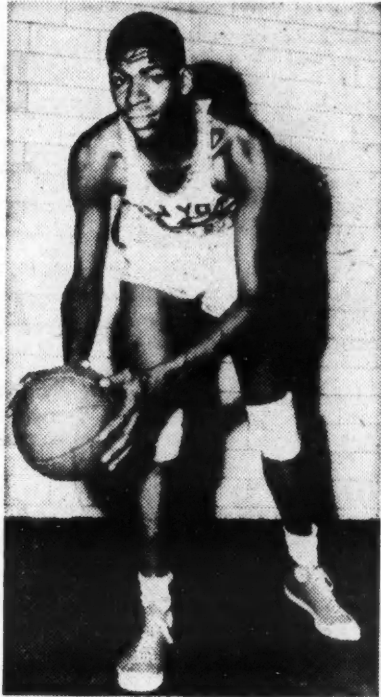
RECREATION news

Felix at Sports Award Nite!

Festivities at the District 65 Sports Awards Night to be held Saturday, May 14, will be further enhanced by the presence of N.Y. Knickerbocker ace Ray Felix who will be on hand to present trophies and awards won in the '65' Bowling and Basketball Leagues. Ray Felix, a 7 footer formerly out of Long Island University, was the National Basketball Association's Rookie of the Year in the '53-'54 season and helped to spark the Knicks this year.

In addition to Ray Felix, a star studded floor show is on tap, featuring Cherri Lynn, Apollo recording star, the Two Lads, a sensational vocal duet, Lydia Lora, a real Latin-American bombshell, and Lester Brown. Dancing to the music of Sammy Faso's Band will round out the evening. Tables may be reserved for shop parties and groups by calling the 65 Recreation Dept., OR 3-5120.

Tickets for Sports Award Night sell for \$1.25 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Tickets may be obtained from your organizer or from team captains.



'Inclement Weather' Holds Up '65' Softball Tourney Opener

Action in the District 65 Softball Tournament was scheduled to get under way on Tuesday, April 26, with the two newest entries in the League, Perma-Dent Lab and Warner Bros. facing each other. As usual, however, weather in the opening week of competition played havoc with the games, and Perma-Dent vs. Warner Bros. was washed out.

But when warmer weather sets in in May the players will get their chance to swing bats, and will be hustling for the coveted top spots in the tourney.

The League is operating in three divisions with a tight race expected in each. Garment Area is an odds on favorite to continue its winning ways in Uptown, and Gimbel-Saks or Bloomingdales is expected to cop first place in Midtown. In Brooklyn, the race is wide open with the final battle expected between New Era and Columbia Combining.

Additional players are needed by several squads, so it's not too late to get out with one of the teams in your Local. Call the '65' Recreation Dept. (OR 3-5120) and you will be put in contact with one of the Team Captains.

'65' Softball Schedule

MIDTOWN DIVISION
(All games played at Chelsea Park—28th St. & 9th Ave., N.Y.C.)

DATE	GAME
Tues., April 26	Perma-Dent—Warner Bros.
Wed., April 27	Retail Local—James Gray
Fri., April 29	Bloomingdale—Gimbel-Saks

Tues., May 3	Perma-Dent—Bloomingdales
Wed., May 4	Warner Bros.—James Gray
Fri., May 6	Retail Local—Gimbel-Saks

Tues., May 10	Retail Local—Perma-Dent
Wed., May 11	Warner Bros.—James Gray
Fri., May 13	Lerner's—Bloomingdales

BROOKLYN DIVISION
(All games played at McLaughlin Field—Jay and Tilbury Sts. in Brooklyn.)

DATE	GAME
Wed., April 27	Columbia Combining—New Era
Fri., April 29	Rogers Peet—Townes & James

Wed., May 4	Rogers Peet—Col. Combining
Thurs., May 5	Townes & James Col. Combining
Wed., May 11	Rogers Peet—New Era
Thurs., May 12	Townes & James—Col. Combining

UPTOWN DIVISION
(All games played at Jasper Oval—137 St. & Convent Ave., NYC.)

DATE	GAME
Tues., April 26	Sterna—Fisher-Stevens
Wed., April 27	Grand City—Davega
Thurs., April 28	Garment Area—Uptown Area
Fri., April 29	Ever Ready Label—Shoe Local

Tues., May 3	Grand City—Sterna
Wed., May 4	Ever Ready Label—Davega
Thurs., May 5	New Jersey Local—Uptown Area
Fri., May 6	Garment Area—Fisher-Stevens

Tues., May 10	Ever Ready Label—Sterna
Wed., May 11	New Jersey Local—Fisher-Stevens
Thurs., May 12	Uptown Area—Shoe Local
Fri., May 13	Garment Area—Grand City

'65' Orchestra Seeks Additional Musicians

Each Tuesday evening at 7, harmonious sounds resound through the elevator shafts at 13 Astor Pl., denoting the fact that the District 65 Symphony Orchestra is in session.

This hard-working, dedicated group of musicians seeks new talent—both in conducting and instrument playing—to help speed the day when they will make their debut before the District 65 membership.

This is a great opportunity for 65ers to advance their talents in the musical field. All members interested in joining the group are urged to attend the rehearsals any Tuesday night at 7, and bring their instruments.

Golf Tourney Entry Deadline Draws Near

The deadline for entries in the District 65 Golf Tournament to be held on Sunday, May 15 at the Blue Hills Country Club in Orangeburg, N.Y., is drawing close. All entries must be in by May 6. To get an entry form, call the '65' Recreation Dept. (OR 3-5120), and one will be sent to you.

A \$5 fee will cover all costs, including green fees, prizes and a snack at the close of the day. Eight individual awards will be made to the winners and the runners-up in the Low Net, Low Gross, Hole-in-One and Putting.

Arrangements have been made for the golfers to bring along guests at a cost of \$1.50 to cover cost of the snack. Transportation will be arranged if you need it.

Everyone will have a chance for all the prizes because a handicap system has been worked out by the committee. Competition for the female golfers will be set up if enough of the gals sign up.

Even if you're not a golfer, or are just thinking about taking up the game, you are invited to come along for an enjoyable day of fun and exercise in the sunshine.

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James Gray	44	40	Al Altschuler, Lincoln	161
Bloomingdales	42	42	Al Zinsmeister, New Era	161
New Era	39 1/2	44 1/2	Harvey Manheimer, B'dale	161
General Elec.	38	46		
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Ever Ready Label	2483		Lincoln Letter	890
Lincoln Letter	2429		Bloomingdale	889
Bloomingdale	2424		Ever Ready Label	885
HIGH INDIV.—3 Gm. Series			HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME	
Frank Pauly, Textile	609		John, Hess, B'dale	243
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feature Section

Retail Organizing Drive In N. J. Ready to Hit On All '108' Cylinders

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New '108' contract with retail shoe chains is discussed by Bernard Halperin of National Shoes' Jersey City store at union meeting April 12.



Local 108 Dir. Irving Rosenberg reports plans for big organizing drive to sign up unorganized retail employees in New Jersey.

A full-scale organizing drive has been launched by Local 108, the Retail Union of New Jersey, and it's planned to involve all the members of the union who work and live in more than 40 different communities in the state. The drive was kicked off at an eventful '108' meeting April 12, at which Director Irving Rosenberg also reported on the settlement with the shoe chains, and Exec. Vice-Pres. Meyer Meyers reported that the union's pension plan had won Treasury Dept. approval.

The organizing drive will be an all-out effort, using the latest advertising and publicity techniques. Local 108 has already begun publishing a four-page newspaper, titled "Contact!" and Burt Beck, an experienced labor journalist, has been appointed to handle public relations and organizational publicity. It's also planned to provide every member with an "organizing kit" full of information and educational material to help them sign up their unorganized neighbors. The project calls for the use of radio and television, prizes for leading "volunteer organizers" and other means to promote interest in the drive.

With slogans like "Each One Reach One" and "Contacts Today Mean Members Tomorrow," Rosenberg and his fellow officers of '108' hope to light the spark of activity that will mean new growth and greater strength for the union.

letters to the editor:

RWDSU Washington Rally Seen 'Tremendous Success'

To the Editor: On Tuesday, April 19th, I was part of the RWDSU delegation which met in Washington, D.C. to work for the passage of the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage law, and for coverage of all retail and food processing workers who even now, do not have the protection of the present 75c-an-hour law.

While our one-day trip was a far cry from the usual sight-seeing excursion, and lacked the horse-play of a convention, it did manage to blend business and pleasure fairly well. We did get to see some of Washington's famous buildings. In fact, we couldn't overlook them, since we had to dig deep inside of them to find Congressmen.

In my opinion this delegation was a tremendous success because it brought about greater labor unity in several directions. For example, in the RWDSU it renewed old friendships for some amongst us and brought the rest of us closer together, by giving us a common goal to work for. It took us one step nearer toward labor's dream of one big unified family by introducing us to George Meany, President of the A. F. of L. Furthermore it flashed a signal to the poorly paid unorganized workers of our industry, that their hopes and desires for a better life could best be realized by membership in fighting unions like ours.

I am certain that as our union advances, we will meet again and again in Washington and I feel we can profit most if new and additional people make up these future delegations. I also think that more of us who made RWDSU history on April 19th should write letters to The Record about it. This I am sure would be welcome and constructive.

SAM "JERRY" KATZ
Toy & Gift Local
District 65, New York

Thanks from Va. Strikers For Aid from RWDSU Locals

To the Editor: We, the workers of the

Chesapeake Bay Frosted Foods Co., who are on strike for the sixth week want to extend our gratitude and thankfulness to our sister locals of RWDSU-CIO for their wonderful donations made to us in our time of need.

These donations have helped to feed us and pay the rent for ourselves and families.

The following locals have sent donations: Locals 506, 26, 1718, 1085, 341, 379, 1283, 19, 65, 386, 260, 66, 228, 34, and Districts 65 and 76.

If it wasn't for your kindness many of us would not be able to eat to carry on our struggle with the strike.

I am appealing to the rest of the sister locals to help us here in our struggle financially. The strike from all indications will last for some time yet.

Our employer has been able to get scabs to work for 50c an hour, and we here in Newport News have other special problems:

- 1 Our local union is very small. We're trying to build it up.
- 2 The anti-labor laws in the State of Virginia.
- 3 Our lack of knowing what unionism is; we have to learn how to act like union members. Unity among us alone can not win the strike, therefore, your prayers and assistance can go far in helping us to win our jobs back with a decent union contract.

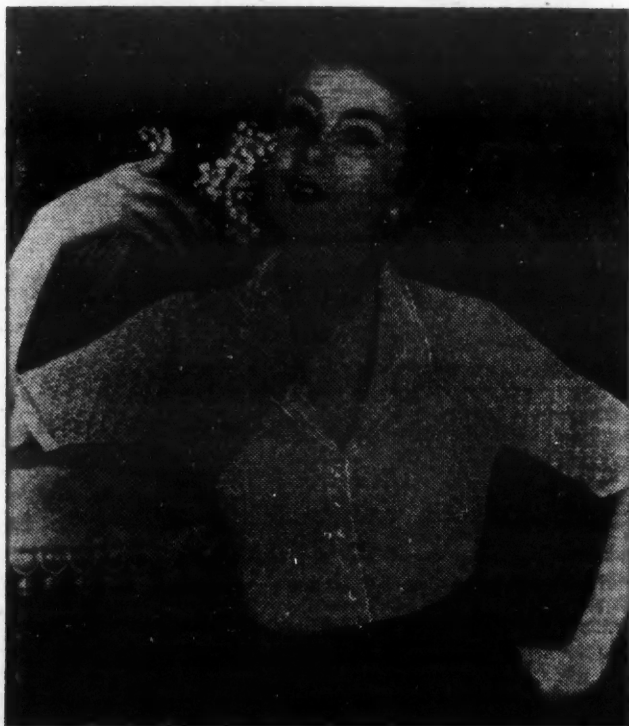
ERNESTINE HINES, for the
Strike Committee.
ERNEST CRAIG, Strike
Captain Local 27,
Newport News, Va.

Commends 'Record' Article On 12 Worst TV Gyps

To the Editor: Sidney Margolius' article in The Record of April 17 is a wonderful piece of information on the 12 worst TV advertising gyps. We hope that every household who receives your powerful Record will read the article, and that they will be benefited and learn from what he told them.

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PORTRAIT IN CROCHET—As soft and feminine as a Renoir painting is this exquisite blouse of white cotton lace. An illusion of fragility is achieved by the clusters of delicate stitches crocheted throughout. The graceful V-neckline is framed by a shaped collar accented with bands of solid crochet. Make this beautiful blouse for your wardrobe and take pride in your artistic achievement. Full instructions for making the CROCHETED BLOUSE, Leaflet No. PC-7312, are available to you in sizes 12, 14, 16. Simply send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Pattern Department of The Record, 132 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N.Y.

MOVIES

in review

NOT AS A STRANGER—★★★★

If you thought that the best seller Not As A Stranger was an over-rated, over-written novel, you will find that Stanley Kramer, producer and director, in transferring its 800 pages to the screen has achieved an entertaining, dramatic, compact film from the much diffused story material. The picture Not As A Stranger ranks with Kramer's better works such as Champion, Home of the Brave, and The Men.

Not As A Stranger tells of the torment of the brilliant medical student Lucas Marsh until he finds himself. Marsh marries a capable Swedish nurse Kristina, whom he does not love but whose savings see him through medical school. Lucas believes that doctors are a special class, apart from other men, because they deal in human lives and so can't afford the luxury of making a mistake. He is outraged in medical school and in practice when he meets with ignorance, incompetence and greed in the profession he loves more than anything else in the world. Only when Lucas commits a tragic error of his own does he realize that doctors are only human, some better than others, but fallible like other men. He seeks Kristina to help him face the world as it really is.



Frank Sinatra

The role of Lucas Marsh fits Robert Mitchum like a glove. Olivia de Havilland's Kristina displays a fine sense of proportion and restraint. Originality and good judgment in casting are found in the choice of Frank Sinatra as a fellow medical student and Broderick Crawford as a Jewish doctor. Charles Bickford gives his usual reliable performance in the role of a country doctor and Myron McCormick is fine as a bungling, incompetent G.P. As the other woman, Gloria Grahame is adequate.

—MILLIE TILLER

KISS ME DEADLY—★★

Although Kiss Me Deadly is the third sinister Spillane opus on film, it was my introduction to his private eye, Mike Hammer. Our acquaintance will be brief. Blood, bullets, brutality per se are not for me. Mine has been a sheltered life and I prefer to keep it that way.

The involved horror begins one night when Mike Hammer (Ralph Meeker) gives a frightened young lady (Cloris Leachman) a lift in his car. They are side swiped by gangsters and the car is pushed off a cliff. The scantily clad hitch hiker dies but Mike recovers from serious injuries. Refusing to cooperate with F.B.I. and local police authorities (he is such a superior sleuth), Mike clears things up in Spillane fashion. His lady friend secretary Velda (Maxine Cooper) assists him in the gruesome proceedings of finding out who the hitch hiker was, of whom she was so frightened, what she was trying to tell him in cryptic sentences, why she came to such a violent end. It's one great slugfest after another, murder added to murder as the mystery thickens and finally clears.

For the parade of sexy dames and tough gangsters that people a Mickey Spillane story, some excellent Hollywood talent has been culled. Gaby Rodgers, Albert Dekker and Paul Stewart lend their skills to this film of mayhem and murder. If you are a Mike Hammer fan, here is a who-dun-it for you with plenty of violence and action.

Sex and sadism, that's Kiss Me Deadly. It's definitely not for kiddies. It makes Dial M For Murder sound like a bed-time story.

—T.F. CAULDWELL

'RECORD' MOVIE RATINGS

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Not As a Stranger	The Glass Slipper	Kiss Me Deadly
Doctor in the House	Blackboard Jungle	Mambo
East of Eden	Marty	Run for Cover
Gate of Hell (Jap.)	Stranger on Horseback	Jupiter's Darling
Cinerama Holiday	Prince of Players	Battle Cry
A Star is Born	The Country Girl	Six Bridges to Cross
Sabrina	The Caine Mutiny	The Good Die Young
On the Waterfront	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	The Silver Chalice
LHM		So This Is Paris



Behind the Corsi Firing:

The Unfair, Biased McCarran-Walter Act

The uproar that began when Sec. of State Dulles fired Edward Corsi as Administrator of the U.S. refugee immigration program is still going on. Despite the smokescreen of excuses given by Dulles for the discharge, it seems clear that Corsi was fired because of pressure from Rep. Francis Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Act, which Corsi—and many other Americans—vigorously opposed. Here's an analysis of this infamous law:

By MAX STEINBOCK

For more than 300 years, America has welcomed strangers from all lands, asking of them only that they abide by our laws and do their fair share in building our nation. The stream of immigrants has flowed steadily to our shores during all those years—bringing the strength, skill, knowledge and love of democracy and freedom that have made ours the greatest country in the world.

But in 1952, Congress enacted a law that tears down America's "welcome" sign and substitutes for it a big "keep out"—a law that is unfair and discriminatory; a law that may lose us the friends we desperately need throughout the free world. It is called the McCarran-Walter Act.

It's a big law, covering lots of ground. The Act takes up 120 pages, has 407 sections, and embodies all the laws on immigration and naturalization that have been passed since 1917—plus a lot of new material.

There has been a crying need for a long time for a new and decent immigration law. The old laws were unfair; they discriminated against would-be immigrants on the basis of their race and national origin; they contained many unnecessary restrictions and quite a few loopholes; and finally, they left too much authority in the hands of individual government officials.

The McCarran-Walter Act was supposed to take care of all these faults, and bring our immigration policy up to date. True, it *did* combine many laws and regulations into one over-all bill; it allowed Japanese-Americans to become citizens; and it improved some minor procedures. But—most of the bad features of the old laws are still found in the new law—and more bad features have been added!

What a Good Immigration Law Should Do

- It should deal fairly and justly with all immigrants, regardless of their race, creed, color or national origin.
- It should provide special relief in emergencies, to help those who are able to escape from Iron Curtain countries, as well as refugees and displaced persons of World War II.
- It should help—not hinder—our dealings with other nations, and aid us in the fight against Communism.
- It should keep out subversives: Nazis and fascists as well as Communists.

- It should adjust immigration quotas to the number that we can actually absorb.

What the McCarran-Walter Act Does

- It makes second-class citizens of naturalized Americans. Their citizenship can be revoked, and they can be deported for reasons that would not affect native-born citizens in any way.
- It discriminates on the basis of nationality. By setting different national quotas it favors immigrants from Northern and Western Europe as against those from Eastern and Southern Europe and other parts of the world.
- It discriminates on the basis of race and color. A quota of 100 immigrants yearly has been set for each country in the Asian-Pacific area—and this small quota covers not only natives of those countries, but even their descendants in Europe and elsewhere.
- It establishes new and unfair reasons for keeping out immigrants. For instance, a person convicted of a crime by a totalitarian court can be kept out on the basis of his "criminal record". Thus, in the words of CIO President Walter Reuther, "workers who protest speedups behind the Iron Curtain, who sabotage Red war production, who organize free trade unions such as our own, are criminals in the lands under Red domination. If caught in these acts they become criminals in the eyes of the U.S. and are forever unable to come to our shores."
- It fails to screen out Nazis and fascists.

There are many more things wrong with the McCarran-Walter Act, but these are enough to give you the general pattern of this law. Instead of setting up effective, reasonable and fair safeguards on immigration, the Act provides discriminatory, unfair and unworkable restrictions.

Among those who oppose the law are Democrats, Republicans, Protestants, Catholics, Jews, veteran's groups, Negro organizations—the list is almost endless. President Eisenhower is opposed to the Act, as are former President Truman and Adlai Stevenson, and others, including:

American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, National Council of Churches of Christ, National Catholic Welfare Conference, Synagogue Council of America, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and many more.

Union members in this country have always been among the first to fight discrimination, to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate than us, and to guarantee "freedom and justice for all".

This law doesn't merely hurt immigrants and aliens; it hits all of us. We all suffer if the U. S. loses the friendship and support of other nations in the worldwide fight against Communism; and we all share in the responsibility for helping victims of Nazi and Communist persecution.



How to Buy Paint ...Not Too Often!

By **SIDNEY MARCOLIUS**
Consumer Expert for The Record

SPRING IS USUALLY the time for painting. But homeowners are sometimes inclined to paint too often, rather than not enough. That's true both inside and out. Your exterior and interior walls may only need washing.

Actually, the popular tendency to paint the exterior every three or four years may do more harm than good. Ideally, and if you use a good-quality paint, you shouldn't paint a wood exterior more than once every six years, according to the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory. If you paint much more often than that, you may build up too heavy a film of paint. The result of too thick a coat may be blistering of the paint, due to reliquefaction of the old paint underneath, or cross-grain cracking, as you may often have observed on older houses which have been painted too often.

If the surface is sooty or greasy, first try washing it with a synthetic detergent. You may find that underneath the grease and dirt, the paint coating is in good condition, the National Paint and Varnish Association advises. But if you do find that the coating has become so thin and weathered that the surface beneath shows through, then you do need new paint. Sills and ledges generally need painting more often than vertical surfaces.

Inside too, families tend to redecorate too often, including people who tend to rent their homes as well as owners. A survey by the Rhode Island Experiment Station found that more than half the families questioned redecorated interior walls within three years, and many refinished instead of cleaning the walls.

Among other reasons for over-frequent painting, the researchers found, was the tendency to use unsuitable materials, such as untreated wallpapers and flat paints in kitchens which really require washable wallpaper and semi-gloss or enamel. The families surveyed generally had to replace wallpaper and flat paint most often, and enamel and varnish least often.

BUYING OUTSIDE PAINT: You don't have to pay top price for the costliest advertised brands of paint. There are many private-brand paints and lesser-known brands which are as good quality. But on the other hand, avoid poor-quality outside paints that won't last. Time and labor are a costlier factor than the price of the paint itself.

The way to buy house paint is to compare the formulas of different brands as shown on the labels. You will notice that the formulas show the composition of both the "pigment" and the "vehicle." Most fair-quality paints nowadays contain a blend of white lead, titanium and zinc. The lead is in there for toughness, the titanium for brightness and because it sheds dirt, and the zinc for hardness. However, white lead is the most expensive ingredient, and some cheaper paints tend to give more titanium and less lead in the pigment, and more "thinner and drier" and less pure linseed oil in the vehicle. So one way you can compare quality is to see how much white lead and pure oil you are getting for your money.

For the exterior, darker shades last longer than white, say Government authorities. The dark pigments absorb the light rays that are destructive to the oil in paint. Thus a medium-gray or buff will last longer than white paint of the same quality.

BUYING INTERIOR PAINTS: Latex or rubber-base emulsion paints have become increasingly popular because they are easy to apply with roller or brush, don't show brush marks as much as oil paints, are less odorous, and roller, brushes and "spills" can be washed off with water. However, even though rubber-base paints can be scrubbed, it still may be a mistake to use them in kitchens and bathrooms as many families now do. They are still "flat" paints and do not resist spots and dirt as well as semi-gloss oil paints, enamels and alkyd-base paints, which are highly-washable and non-yellowing. Rubber-base paints are more suitable for living and bed rooms, but even here, it may be preferable to use enamel for the woodwork.

Oil and alkyd-base paints are also now available in "odorless" solvents, which means that they are less odorous than conventional oil paints.

Claims of some manufacturers for "one-coat paints" are somewhat exaggerated. You can generally get away with one coat only if the surface to be repainted is in good condition and not darker in tone than the new coat. White and light colors nearly always require two coats.

Steps That Led to The Salk Vaccine

by **DR. MANUS E. ORNSTEIN**
Medical Director, Local 338

As this column is written, the whole world is eagerly greeting the news of the results of last year's test of the polio vaccine developed under the direction of Dr. Jonas E. Salk. The vaccine promises to end forever the menace of infantile paralysis. What can we reasonably expect of the Salk vaccine?

First, let us consider the nature of the disease itself, and the measures that have been taken up to now to control it. Poliomyelitis is a virus infection which attacks the gray matter of the spine and—in rare cases—the brain. The polio virus is a sub-microscopic organism, so small that it has not yet been isolated and identified.

Not only has this virus never been seen, but we still do not know exactly how it is transmitted. We have been able to rule out some theories formerly held on how the disease is communicated; for example, we know that while it may affect two or more persons in a single family, there is no inherited or familial pre-disposition to the disease. When more than one case occurs in a family, it simply means that all the victims were similarly exposed. Various theories on the medium by which it is transmitted have not been substantiated, as in the case of the opinion that it is present in water.

We do know that polio is most prevalent during the summer and early fall, though it can be contracted at any time of year, and we believe the polio virus enters the body through the upper respiratory system. The disease is most dangerous when it affects the upper spine, or bulbar region, although infection of the lower spine may cause paralysis or muscle changes.

Until now, treatment of polio has been confined almost exclusively to the treatment of symptoms rather than an attack upon the disease itself. Thus treatment has consisted of prevention of death in cases of respiratory paralysis by means of the iron lung and other devices, general supportive care by means of physical rest; prevention of deformity due to paralysis or muscle weakness; control of pain and rehabilitation both psychological and physical.

Important as these forms of treatment are to patients stricken by polio, they still did not get to the heart of the problem—preventing the disease itself. An effort in this direction has been made for several years through the use of gamma globulin which was known to grant temporary immunization. But in 1953 and '54 news of a new vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk and his associates heralded the promise that the first real step toward conquering the disease had been taken.

It should be understood that even the results announced on April 12th are by no means the final and complete story of the vaccine. Even the 1953 and '54 tests showed great promise for the vaccine, but as in all such cases the new drug must be watched and perhaps improved.

Surprisingly enough, the usual attitude of most people toward being "experimented on" was reversed in the case of the polio vaccine. Even before the April 12th results were announced, there was a great scramble for the limited supply of the vaccine and there were warnings of a black market in the vaccine.

Younger Children Need Protection Most

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had announced that children in the first and second grades—the age group most susceptible to polio—would be inoculated at school. Theoretically, everyone else in the population is subject to polio, but in fact the main danger is to children between three months and seventeen years of age. Even among these, the younger children need more protection than the adolescents, and of course more than adults.

In view of the expected shortage of the vaccine, steps should be taken by the government, public health officers and other responsible agencies to make sure that the vaccine is allocated fairly and equitably. Since this can rightly be considered a national emergency, doctors in general should behave accordingly and not be influenced by prospects of financial gain and by friendship or other personal considerations. The needs of the population as a whole should be placed above these.

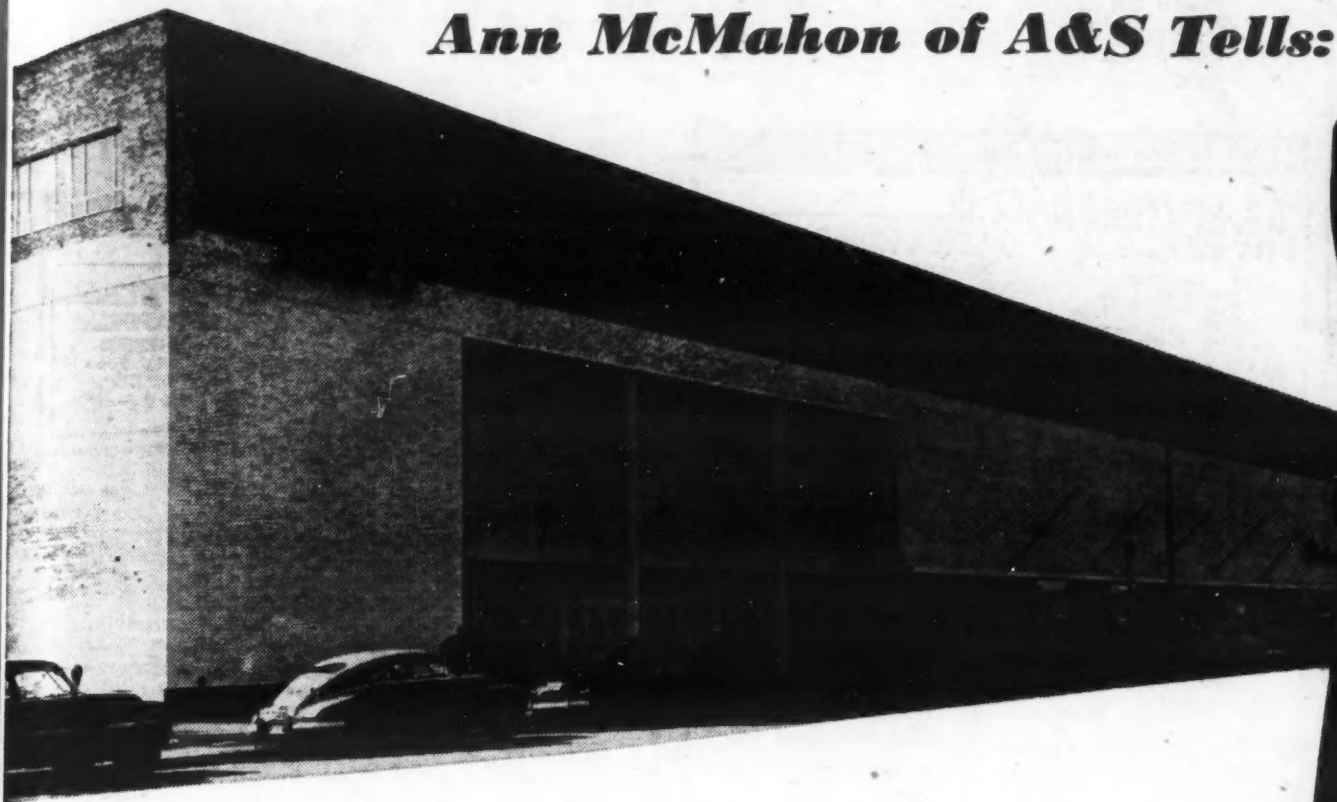
Surprisingly enough, the usual attitude of most people toward being "examined" or "treated" unless the inoculation coincides with a physical examination or other treatment. The cost of the vaccine material for those injections will be about \$3.50. Since the actual cost of administering the vaccine and the length of time consumed are both trivial, the physician's charge should be a nominal one.

Finally, I would like to caution parents not to become over-anxious or hysterical if they are unable to obtain inoculations immediately for their children. The fact is that there may very well be an adequate supply of the vaccine by the time the "polio season" arrives in late summer. In any case, your children's chances of contracting the disease even without receiving the inoculation are no greater and are likely to be less than in any previous year. By giving in to panic, we will only increase the possibility of a black market with all the undesirable consequences that entails.



Illustrations by Stan Glaubach

Ann McMahon of A&S Tells:



'Why We Need to Organize'

By ROBERT DOBBS

Only yesterday, Ann McMahon had little to say about her future as an employee of the Abraham & Straus department store in Hempstead, Long Island. Today, she's one of the most enthusiastic members of District 65 in the store, and is herself an organizer of others employed at A & S. Along with the other A & S people she plans to have a lot to say about her future in the store.

A tall, attractive young mother who has a son of 17 and a daughter of 14—Mrs. McMahon talked to Organizer Bill Portnoy in the new '65' headquarters across the street from the Hempstead store, telling him just how it came about that she was one of the first to join the union when the organizing campaign began at A & S.

Mrs. McMahon quickly revealed that a lot of the stuff that makes her a fine union member is in her family tradition. She's literally surrounded by union members. Her father, Thomas Noonan, is now a retired member of the CIO Transport Workers Union. He was known as a good union man in his more active years, and he is that still. Harry McMahon, Ann's husband, is an active member of the CIO Lithographers, and her son Thomas works in an AFL shop.

Says Ann, "I'm pretty proud of the tradition I was born of—the Irish tradition which gives us a strong sense of rebellion against injustice and leads us naturally into a union where we can fight for what we deserve."

Succeeds in Organizing Others

And it's this pride which makes Mrs. McMahon an organizer of others at A & S. In the few weeks she's been in the union Ann has already convinced several other employees to join up and is well on the way to winning over more. "I tell everyone who'll listen in the store that, supervisors alike. I see no reason to fear for my job. We have the legal right to join the union of our choice, and where the company has attacked that right by firing one of our people, Arthur Gelb, for joining the union, we have the strong support of '65'. I am confident the com-

pany will do the right thing, and will reinstate Mr. Gelb."

The enthusiasm that Ann McMahon puts into building the union at A&S is evident in everything else she does as well. One of her main interests is church work. She is corresponding secretary of the Rosary Society of the Notre Dame R.C. Church, and during the summer and fall she and her husband are out early many Sunday mornings, working to raise money for the parish.

A big convincer that Ann uses in talking to the others in the store about '65' is what she herself only recently learned about this union. She and her husband both visited the 11-story '65' Center in New York, and what they saw there made her say, "I've always been pro-union, but I never even dreamed working people could really build themselves a place like that. I can't wait till we see such a union center in Hempstead."

Ann McMahon learned about the entire RWDSU when she joined the huge minimum wage delegation to Washington, D.C., April 19. "I felt wonderful being part of such a tremendous movement, meeting so many of the people

and seeing all of them working and enjoying themselves together." Meeting Senator Ives and Congressman Buckley of New York, and discussing with them the need for \$1.25 federal minimum wage was counted a stimulating experience by Ann, as was hearing AFL Pres. George Meany at the delegation luncheon.

Ann talked about what the A&S workers have to start with as they take the first steps towards securing the standards set at Macy's, Gimbel's, Bloomingdale's, Stern's and other union stores.

Began at A & S in 1952

She began at A&S before the store opened in 1952, helping to prepare for opening day. Her wages then were \$33 a week. She's now a saleswoman in the blouse department, and carries the added responsibilities of a "blue pencil," one who has the authority to pass on customers' checks, checks the department cash register and has other such financial responsibilities. After three years on the job, and as a result of a "merit review" held about two weeks ago, Ann now earns \$46 a week.

What the A&S employees are shooting for is indicated in the average \$65 wages in union stores, with starting wages of \$1 an hour and automatic raises to \$46 in 18 months, the Security and Medical Plans, providing complete medical and doctor care for members and families at no cost to members, a Pension Plan, seniority and transfer rights between branches, commissions for departments other than straight commission ones, and more.

They don't want the sky. What they do want was simply stated by Mrs. McMahon. "We want higher wages, such as the other department store people receive. We want the right to have a voice in our destiny on the job, and we want to meet our supervisors and others in management as equals and so help to ease the tension that comes from having to rely completely on the whim of management for how we work, and for how much."

A&S Sales Running Ahead of 1954 Peak

WALTER ROTHSCHILD, president of Abraham & Straus, said yesterday that the Brooklyn firm's sales are currently running ahead of last year's record-breaking \$100 million pace.

The executive spoke to more than 100 Brooklyn civic leaders at a luncheon in the Towers Hotel at which he presented \$25,000 checks to Polytechnic and Pratt Institutes. The grants were made to the colleges as part of the store's 50th anniversary celebration.

Mr. Rothschild said A&S plans internal improvements costing \$250,000 in its main store this summer. He said the store now ranks among the top five department stores in the nation and is the second largest in New York.

FEDERATED CHAIN HAS RECORD YEAR

Department Stores' Report Shows 40% Gain in Net—Equals \$5.25 a Share

Record sales and earnings were reported yesterday by Federated Department Stores, Inc., in its annual report covering the fiscal year ended Jan. 29. The large retail chain, which includes Abraham & Straus and Bloomingdale's of this city, showed a net income of \$18,091,636, an increase of 40 per cent over the \$12,988,684 earned in the preceding fiscal year.

Sales crossed the half-billion-dollar mark, advancing 4.5 per cent to \$500,546,126 from the

Can A & S afford to pay union wages? Latest profit figures of store and parent chain show it certainly can.

Cavil-Cade

By LES FINNEGAN

• IN WASHINGTON, D.C., pro-labor Sen. Robert Kerr (D. Okla.) passed on to his constituents the following summation of the present administration: "The Democrats are in the atomic age. The Republicans are still in the metallic age—silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, and lead in their pants."

• IN VANCOUVER, CANADA, a newly-organized union of fur-processing workers voted unanimously for strike after six weeks of fruitless negotiations. Before actually walking out and starting picketing, the unaffiliated union decided to try its imagination in an effort to solve the whole conflict before strike. The union called in all its officers and stewards for a three-hour conference on strategy. Dozens of bright ideas to avoid strike were considered, but none seemed practical. Finally, a young girl shop steward remarked, "I think we ought to vote to strike. Maybe we might get enough of a pay raise so I could afford a fake mink coat like the owner's wife." This struck a chord in the union president's mind and a strike was made unnecessary. A sign was made up reading "HIS WIFE WEARS A FAKE MINK" and the boss was informed his new house in a fashionable neighborhood would be picketed with the sign. This was a terrible prospect for the social-climbing boss, so he quickly agreed to a good settlement.

• IN WASHINGTON, D. C., the U. S. Chamber of Commerce finally came up with a response to the demand of the CIO Auto Workers for a guaranteed annual employment program. The big brains of the Chamber of Commerce debated mightily and concluded that the UAW-CIO should provide a guaranteed wage all by itself by increasing union dues!

• IN MILFORD, CONN., employers who try to pay off workers with prestige and titles instead of solid pay raises were told off by Roland Morse, City Superintendent of Firefighters. Morse demanded he be demoted from superintendent to ordinary fireman when he discovered that his promotion had brought him a weekly pay increase of exactly 30c. Moreover, Morse pointed out that when he was promoted to superintendent he succeeded Wilfred Dugay who had demanded demotion back to firefighter for exactly the same reason.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Underpaid Congressmen voted to increase their salaries to a yearly \$25,000.!

ALL IN FAVOR OF ME GETTING A RAISE... SAY, "AYE!"



IN ORDER TO CATCH UP WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING!

But are opposed to a \$1.25 an hour minimum wage for underpaid workers!

NOW... WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT MUCH MONEY?



IN ORDER TO KEEP THE HIGH COST OF LIVING DOWN!

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THERE'S ONE IN EVERY OUTFIT

By KALLAS

THE FOREMAN (OR SUPERVISOR)



THE "OFFICE BOY"—A TIMID SOUL THAT NEVER STICKS HIS NECK OUT... IS ALWAYS NON-COMMITAL!



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THE DRIVER TYPE.. TELLS YOU WHAT "TO DO" BUT SELDOM "WHY". THE BOYS CALL HIM "THE WHIP!"



Loads of thanks to ABE KLEN PHILA., PA.

Ticklers

By George



"I always start with this chart!"

SMOE

by KALLAS



The South

Key Discharge Beefs Won at Pasco in Fla.

DADE CITY, Fla.—A steward may not be fired for processing a grievance on company time as long as he does not interfere with production in the Pasco citrus packing plant. This was the sense of a key grievance settlement won by Local 43 in a case of discharge of two stewards at Pasco, Int'l Rep. Larry Larsen reported.

Arbitrator to Hear Miss. Grocery Dispute

VICKSBURG, Miss. — After several months of contract talks between Local 180B and management of the P.P. Williams wholesale grocery, with the company claiming it could not afford a wage increase, the contract reopener has been submitted to arbitration, Regional Dir. Harry Bush reported.

Wages in the plant now start at 88 cents an hour, a rate established five years ago. The workers also get five paid holidays, one week's vacation after one year's service and two weeks after five years.

The workers are now awaiting appointment of an arbitrator by the Federal Mediation Service, as called for in the contract.

Va. Stewards' Class Graduation May 6

SUFFOLK, Va.—Announcements are out to members of Local 26 and guests to attend the first graduation exercise of the Local 26 Stewards' Class, to be held Friday, May 6 at Local 26 headquarters.

Highlight of the evening will be an original play by Int'l Rep. Henry Hamilton dramatizing the life of the union. The show is to star Isaac Baker and Local 26 Vice-Pres. Al Bailey, with a cast of several others from the rank and file.

Sparked by Pres. Leroy Harris, the stewards' class was begun last December with 18 students.—Reported by Isaac Baker.

The stewards work in the boxing and labeling department of the huge plant, and the settlement provided reinstatement with full pay and seniority for W. M. Bledsoe. The other member, W. H. Jackson, was charged by management with interference in production, and the company refused to put him back on the job. This case has been submitted to arbitration, with the union insisting there was no such interference.

A number of other important grievance settlements were won, including that of Martha Lee Chastain, a juice line worker fired by a foreman for alleged insubordination and stripped of her 15 years' seniority. Steward Curtis Hart led in the prompt discussion of the case with management, and Martha Chastain was returned to her job with full seniority and back pay for lost time.

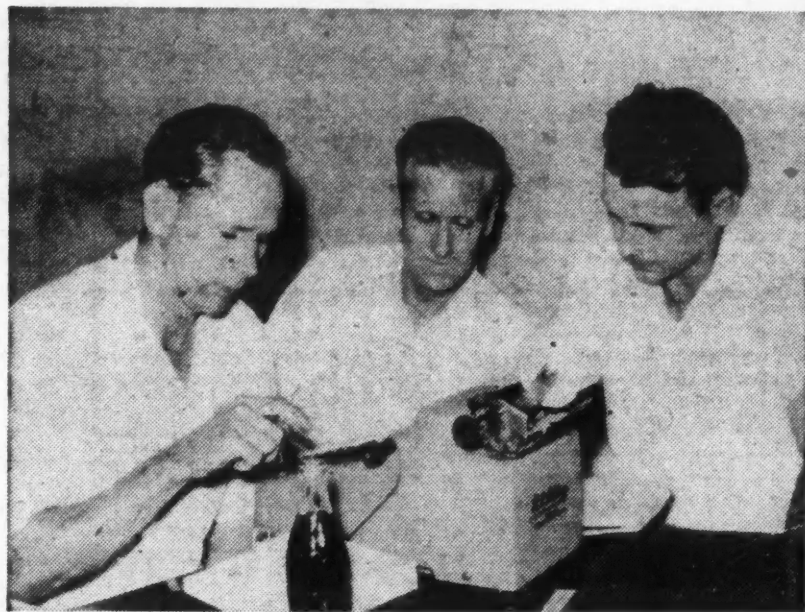
In another case, an arbitrator ruled in favor of James Tate, a worker on lay-off who was denied recall to his job by the company because he came to work two days later than the allowed seven days. It was shown that notice of recall was received late by Tate, and that he started for Dade City from a job in Alabama as soon as he received the notice.

Although he was returned to the job in the plant, the company subsequently fired him for an alleged infraction of the rules, and this case has been submitted to arbitration.

Meanwhile, Larsen said, the new headquarters of Local 43 is making good progress. The foundation is down, and the sides have been completed up to floor level, with the piping and electrical work being started. Financing of the building being done largely through membership purchases of Local 43 Building Bonds. Larsen said that where members are unable to buy bonds, many have pitched in on the actual work of putting up the building, with arrangements first being made, of course, with the building unions involved.



INCOME TAX AID in Birmingham, Ala., is supplied free to RWDSU members by union staff. Here Mrs. Margaret Karsh Robbins, assistant to Reg. Dir. Frank Parker, helps Local 261 member Jim Williams with his federal and state returns. More than 1,000 members in four Birmingham locals make use of this service every year.



AUDITING BOOKS of Dairy Workers Local 745, Birmingham, Ala., are 1. to r., Pres. Ed. L. Hawkins, Claude East and Jack Carter, trustees. Audit is conducted every four months. Incidentally, the books checked and balanced O.K., reported Reg. Dir. Frank Parker.

Canada

Conciliation Awards 9c Raise At B.F. Goodrich in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The workers in the B. F. Goodrich retail operation, members of Local 535, won a new contract through conciliation, providing wage increases totaling nine cents an hour. Negotiations had failed to bring about an agreement.

The new pact runs for one year and calls for three cents an hour additional as of Jan. 1, 1955, and another six cents an hour effective April 1.

Meanwhile, organization in the big W. H. Malkin Mfg. Co. was extended to include the warehouse employees of the

company's branch in the city of Penticton. The Province's Labor Relations Board issued certification of Local 580 last month.

Winnipeg PAC Workshop

WINNIPEG, Man. — Close to eighty trade union members, officers of local unions, and PAC members held another successful PAC Workshop for Winnipeg here recently. Under the able and aggressive leadership of Len Aylen, the PAC Chairman of the Winnipeg Labor Council, the sessions discussed general PAC problems, farmer-labor relations, unemployment and workmen's compensation laws of Manitoba.

Progress in Merger Talks

OTTAWA, Ont.—Enough progress has now been made in discussions between the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor on the question of one united labor body to enable TLC officers to place concrete merger proposals before their annual convention to be held at Windsor in May.

The latest meeting of the TLC-CCL unity committee speeded up the consideration of merger details to round out the principles adopted at the March 9-10 meeting of the committee here. Following the approval of the basic principles by the unity committee, executive members of both congresses have given their endorsement to the agreement.

Details worked out at the latest unity meeting included such points as the basis of representation to be laid down for the first meeting of the joint congress, expected to be held early in 1956. The need for haste in reaching agreement on major details of the merger is emphasized by the fact that if substantial agreement is not reached before the TLC convention. The labor merger will be delayed for a whole year.

Ontario CCF Outlines Program On Social Security Issues

TORONTO, Ont.—A social security program to be introduced by the CCF when it forms the government of Ontario will include a hospital insurance plan, sickness and accident insurance, automobile insurance, supplementary old age pensions, a rehabilitation plan for disabled people, increased mothers' allowances and relief for municipalities of responsibility for the employable unemployed.

The program, approved at the 21st annual convention of the Ontario CCF here, will form one of the main planks of the party's platform in the forthcoming provincial election.

Trade union participation in Ontario CCF affairs reached an all-time high at the conference which preceded the convention at the King Edward Hotel here. A total of 160 unionists—90 Canadian Congress of Labor and 60 Trades and Labor Congress members—were present.

The attendance of a sizeable number of TLC members at the meetings was regarded by the CCF as particularly significant in view of the usual political 'neutrality' of Canada's largest labor body. The Canadian Congress of Labor has thrown its support behind the CCF as labor's "political arm".

In an address on the key issues involved in Ontario politics, CCF leader Donald C. MacDonald told the unionists that the CCF was "ready and prepared to form the government" in the province after the forthcoming election. The CCF, he said, was "going out to win this election, but, whatever our role, I am convinced we will have better government because we will have people in government representing something else than a desire to get out of politics something for themselves".



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George Meany Greets 650 RWDSU Delegates

AFL Pres. George Meany, shown above at RWDSU Washington luncheon meeting flanked by Pres. Max Greenberg and Congressman Emanuel Celler, gave message of encouragement to 650 RWDSU delegates just before they lobbied for improved minimum wage law. Meany also hailed AFL-CIO merger as offering "tremendous possibilities for improving the lot of every American worker."